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Holocaust - Life in the Camps Source Analysis

Directions: Read the following sources and complete the related questions.

Source 1

Shaving off of our hair was a horrible experience. It made me feel utterly vulnerable and reduced to a complete nobody. I had to give up my clothes as well, and I stood there stark naked, bald, and with a number on my arm. In just a few minutes, I had been stripped of every bit of human dignity and become *indistinguishable* from everyone around me.

Source 3



The gates for the concentration camp Auschwitz. It reads "Work sets you free."

Source 2



Prisoners in the barracks of a concentration camp.

Source 4

When we arrived at the camp we were told that the pipes for water and sewage had not yet been installed in the barracks, and that we would be doing the work to complete the job. We spent the next weeks, which seemed endless, working 16 hour days of hard labor. We dug the trenches for the pipes, poured the concrete and carried the pipes. It was exhausting and made worse by the living conditions and lack of proper clothing. My feet ached like never before in my life. I was issued old and worn shoes that didn't fit and were inappropriate for the work they demanded us to do. It was excruciating.





Prisoners in formation at a Nazi controlled concentration camp.

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Holocaust - Life in the Camps Questions

<u>Directions:</u> Answer the following questions in relation to the sources.

- 1. Which of the following could be best used to replace "indistinguishable" in Source 1?
 - a. relatable
 - b. identifiable
 - c. understandable
 - d. unrecognizable
- 2. What is the central message of Source 1?

3. What does the body of the man standing in Source 2 tell you about what the prisoners experienced in the camps?

4.	Considering how the author is treated and feels in Source 1, why do you think the Nazi's would force this upon the prisoners?
5.	What were the conditions of the barracks in which the prisoners lived? Use Source 2 and 4 to answer the question.
6.	The gates in Source 3 read "work sets you free". a. Why would the Germans put this message on the gates to the concentration camp?
	b. How would this make the prisoners feel?
	c. When also considering Source 4, what else can be said about the nature of the Germans?

- 7. Which of the following could be best used to replace "excruciating" in Source
 - a. painful
 - b. pleasant
 - c. tiring
 - d. boring
- 8. In what way are Source 1 and Source 5 comparable?

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Holocaust - Life in the Camps Journal Writing

In the spaces below, write a set of journal entries from the perspective of a prisoner who would have been in the Nazi concentrations camp **and** from the perspective of a German guard who would have worked at the camp. Write the journal entries in regards to a typical day in the camps and how each would have viewed it.

For the prisoner journal entry, you need to consider what conditions the prisoners would have faced on a daily basis and what they may have been thinking while in the camps.

For the guard journal entry, you need to consider how the guard would have viewed and treated the prisoners.

The journal entries are meant to be unique and meaningful to what the people in the situations would have thought. Your responses also need to be historically accurate.



Prisoner
Guard