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- Fill out the form and click "Submit" Questions about IWitness? Contact <u>iwitness@usc.edu</u> or 213.740.6001

IWitness (iwitness.usc.edu) is an educational website developed by USC Shoah Foundation – The Institute for Visual History and Education. IWitness brings the human stories of the Institute's Visual History Archive to secondary school teachers and their students via engaging multimedia-learning activities.

By integrating testimony-based education with the development of digital literacy and other 21st-century competencies, IWitness encourages critical thinking and self-reflection, and helps students get a sense of their own place in history and of the profound impact their words and actions can have on the lives of others.

The web site, currently in beta, is being tested in classrooms in the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, Rwanda, and Australia.

Browse by Topic or Use the IWitness Search Engine

IWitness provides access to more than **1,300** full life histories, testimonies of survivors and other witnesses to the Holocaust and other genocides for guided exploration. Students can watch testimonies and use them in individual or group multimedia projects, teachers can assign activities as classwork or homework and can even custom-build their own lessons and activities. The testimonies are searchable by more than **9,000** keywords, enabling students to pinpoint exact moments of interest within each testimony.

Tools and Resources in One Place

IWitness provides educators and students with access to a comprehensive set of supporting materials from leading sources such as the Genocide Archive of Rwanda, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and Yad Vashem, including an extensive encyclopedia, glossary, documents, photographs, artwork, and much more. Each step of the way, these resources provide essential context to the testimonies within IWitness.

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Customizable Activities

IWitness includes engaging and customizable multimedia activities through which students can demonstrate their knowledge and express their personal connection to the topic. Educators can choose from activities that address ISTE and Common Core standards, among others, or use the Build an Activity feature to construct their own activities according to their specific interests and needs.

Each activity is supported by a framework called the 4C's: **Consider, Collect, Construct and Communicate** which encourage critical thinking and support multiple 21st Century literacy skills. With this framework, students watch and respond to video content, then search for and collect clips of testimony to construct their own projects and then discuss results with their peers.

Educator-Moderated Groups

IWitness Groups enable educators to set up their own virtual classroom space in which they and their students can share and communicate about class projects. Educators are in control of their group and this space serves as a tool in promoting responsible digital citizenship.

Educators also have the ability to create peer groups to share ideas, activities, student projects and best practices with other educators.

