

# Roma Gypsies during Nazism

## 1. What do you remember?

What do you remember from the lesson? In the box / in your notebook, write ten words that you connect with the lesson. They can be nouns, adjectives, names, countries, verbs...anything you like, as long as they are connected to the lesson.



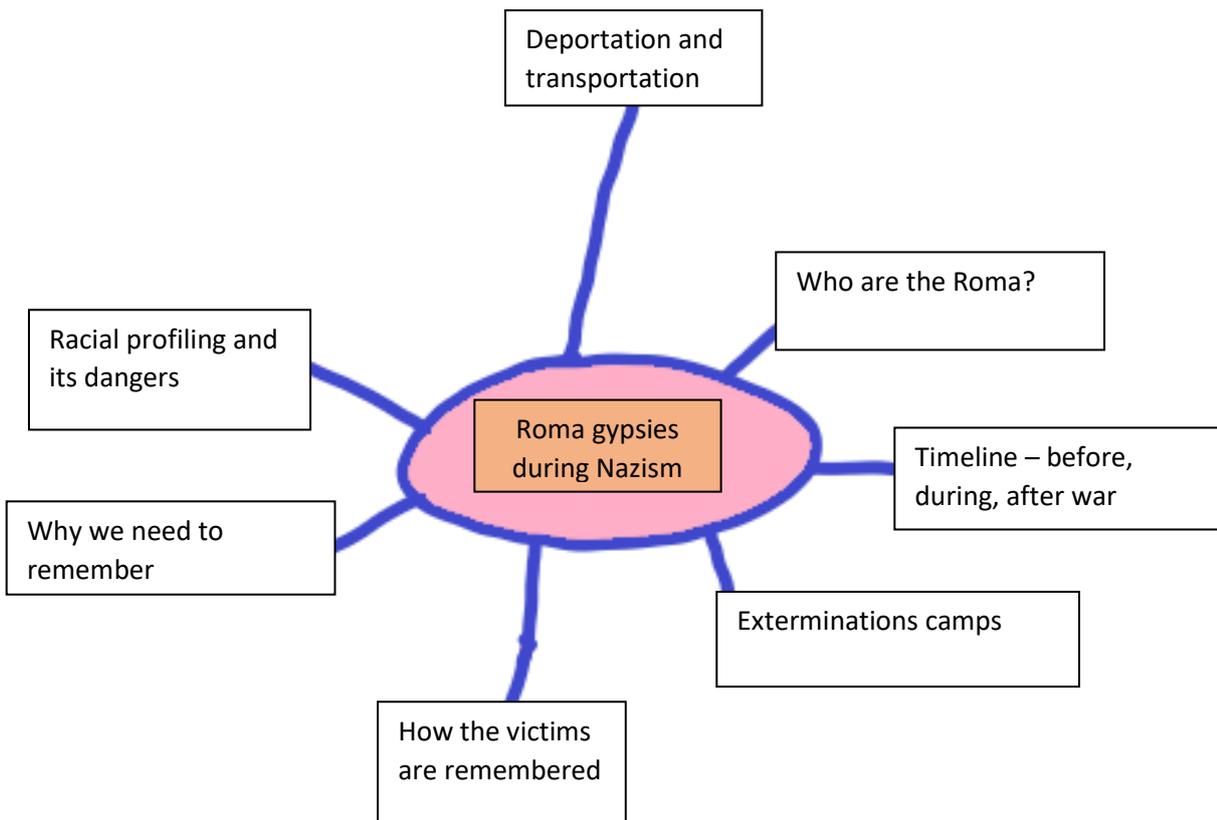
## 2. Before you watch the film

Before you watch the film, answer the three questions;

1. What is the title of the film?
2. Who is the person giving the lecture?
3. How long is the film?

## 3. Note taking

Watch the films. Note down the main ideas, names, themes in the film. An example is given here.



#### 4. Writing task

Detail the main idea that comes to you from the film. Explain it in a clear, engaging way. Here is an example. Use the notes from task 3 if you wish.

##### **The fate of the Roma**

The Roma people and gypsies have been a distinctive cultural presence in numerous European countries for several centuries. Despite enduring a long history of persecution and discrimination, this ethnic group has remained steadfast in preserving its unique culture and identity. Sadly, the distinctiveness that enables easy identification of the Roma has also made them vulnerable to persecution, notably exploited by the Nazis with tragic consequences.

The identification of the Roma by physical and cultural characteristics served as a prelude to their systematic segregation and deprivation of freedom by the authorities and other persecutors. This targeted approach, intended to isolate and marginalize the Roma population, culminated in catastrophic outcomes. Many Roma and gypsies faced tragic fates, either through mass executions or internment and death in the extermination camps of the Reich and the territories under its control. The deliberate and systematic targeting of the Roma people underscored the extreme measures taken to suppress and eradicate their existence.

Throughout history, the Roma people have found themselves in the crosshairs of adversity, with their distinctive cultural identity serving as both a source of pride and a catalyst for persecution. Despite enduring centuries of hardship, the resilience and perseverance of the Roma community have contributed to their continued presence across Europe, serving as a testament to their unwavering spirit and cultural endurance.

## 5. Links

The film may have stimulated your interest on the wider issue of Roma and gypsy culture, and the terrible consequences of Nazism. Here are two links on the subject – one with a film to watch, and one with something to read.

Film: [\(33\) Forgotten History: the Romani \(Gypsy\) Migration from India to Europe - YouTube](#)

Reading : [The Roma in Europe: 11 things you always wanted to know, but were afraid to ask \(amnesty.org\)](#)

## 6. Further investigation

You may wish to look further into the subjects, themes and name mentioned in the films. Google, YouTube and Wikipedia are three basic tools to make use of.

Try them with the following key words

[Roma culture](#)

[Roma poetry](#)

[Bronisława Wajs](#)

Nazis and gypsies

Roma and Sinti

nomadic gypsies

Research is always better conducted when you have some idea of what you are looking for. Make a list of key words from the lesson and film and use them to conduct some online investigations of your own.