We are building a digital memorial to the victims of Nazism. Come and join us!

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Why is #everynamecounts?

A crowdsourcing project that asks volunteers to transcribe names, birthplaces, and other information from historical documents about victims of National Socialism. The idea is to digitize the data these documents contain.

Who can take part?

Anyone who has an internet connection and a PC or tablet computer.

Is any special knowledge of history required?

Each individual step is explained in detail, so no prior knowledge is required.

What is the purpose of #everynamecounts?

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What is the goal?

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