SUSPICIOUS

A LANDSCAPE OF CRIME

FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE

AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
FROM AROLSEN SCHOOL

Come with me!

What happened here? And what does this history mean to us today? **Suspicious – A Landscape of Crime** is a digital educational tool that enables users to immerse themselves in the history of Ohrdruf concentration camp in Thuringia, one of around 140 sub-camps of Buchenwald.

The site where the camp once stood is usually closed to the public – but with Vicky as their virtual guide, young people can explore the grounds and search for traces of Nazi crimes.

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One place – different perspectives

“A few of us knew about the concentration camp [...] in Ohrdruf, but we never realized the scale of it.”*

Suspicious sheds light on the history of Ohrdruf concentration camp from different perspectives:

What do young people and adults from the surrounding area know about the former camp today? How do relatives of people who were persecuted by the Nazis view this place? And how is Ohrdruf remembered by those who liberated the camp? By asking these questions, this educational tool encourages young people to take a critical look at the Nazi era and reflect on how its legacy is dealt with today.

“If we don’t remember, who will?”*

* Comments from young people in Ohrdruf

Exploring history – understanding the present

Ohrdruf concentration camp is largely unknown in Germany. Today, the site of the former camp is used by the German army as a military training area. With **Suspicious**, young people can set off on their own and explore the history of Ohrdruf in a virtual environment – without prior knowledge and at their own pace. Using a digital map, they can zoom into four 360° panoramas. Historical photos, videos, quotes, biographies, and a wealth of other resources – all embedded directly in the landscapes – bring the site’s hidden history to light and connect it to the present.

Free and multifaceted

- freely accessible online
- little preparation required
- suitable for school classes from grade 9, for undergraduates, and for young adults
- perfect for project days and stand-in lessons
- ideal for preparing excursions and visits to memorial sites
- useful for teaching various subjects
- flexible timeframe – from a single lesson to a full project week

“Suspicious is ideal for preparing students for visits to memorial sites. It provides multiple starting points for exploring deeper issues.”

Wiebke Finster, teacher at a secondary school in Erwitte

“One of its greatest strengths is its ability to deliver information that is reliable, well-researched, and academically validated in a way that fits in with the content consumption habits of teenagers and young adults.”

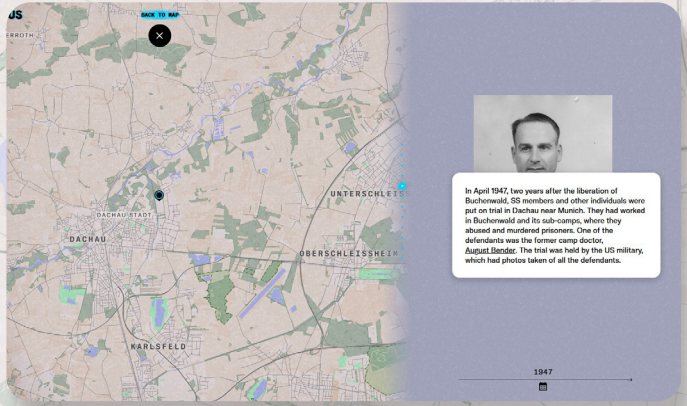
Holger Obbarius, Head of the Education Department of the Buchenwald Memorial

360°-landscapes

The interactive 360° landscapes can be explored at the click of a mouse. There's a lot to discover. For example, historical photos show the entrances to the tunnels at the large construction site in the Jonastal valley where prisoners had to perform extremely hard forced labor. In a video, Péter Füzi speaks about the fate of his grandfather Benedek Sátori, a Hungarian Jew who was persecuted by the Nazis and probably died in Ohrdruf. A German soldier answers questions about the site's current use as a military training area.

In-depth tours

In addition to the interactive landscapes, the digital map offers three themed tours that use a multifaceted and multimedia approach to help users explore the history in greater depth. One tour provides a multifaceted account of the persecution and the death marches that took place in full view of the local population. Another follows the trail of a Nazi doctor who was never brought to justice for his crimes. The third tour examines various perspectives on the end of the war and the contrasting approaches to remembrance in East and West Germany after 1945.



Digital educational program from arolsen school

Suspicious is a digital educational program from arolsen school. We're currently working with international partners to create additional interactive learning modules and other educational materials in English – including a module on the Arolsen Archives.

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A comprehensive online archive enables people around the world to access and use the documents. With their innovative initiatives and digital learning resources, the Arolsen Archives offer fresh, contemporary ways to engage with history.

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