

Theresienstadt concentration camp

I think the next I Survived book should be based on the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Many men, women, and children suffered and had a terrifying death. In the beginning it served as a transit camp to deport people to killing centers and labor locations for the Nazis. About 150,000 Jews came through but few survived. Second, it was used as a ghetto labor camp. Finally, it was a holding pen for the Jews where they would then deport them to killing centers.

The Theresienstadt camp was in Terezín, Czechoslovakia. It was founded in 1780 and used during WWII from 1941 to 1945. It held more than 150,000 people including 15,000 children. Most of the children drew pictures of the camp, themselves, and their houses, and almost 4,000 were found. They got the art supplies from artists when they would steal the supplies. They drew pictures because the artists there wanted them to use their imaginations.

The living conditions were the worst possible. Where there were only 35 nonjews there was about 500 Jews. When they heard the Red Cross was coming they would deport people to Auschwitz. On the bright side they had a lot of artists, performances, a library, and poetry reading. They also had many spiritual readings. Some of the artists were, Bedrich Fritta, Leo Haas, Vicktor Ulmann, and Peter Kien.

Now, Theresienstadt is a tourist cite with many activities. All the buildings are still standing. Many people that survived had died but they told their stories. One of the most famous survivors are Inge Auerbacher and Zdenka Husserlova. Inge Auerbacher is still alive but Zdenka Husserlova was sent Auschwitz and died at the young age of 32. Many People lost their family members and mourned for a very long time.

I chose this topic because, Theresienstadt was a very bad place to be and held many defenseless children and many more adults. It was cruel, over crowded and most of all a bad place to be.

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