

Japan

World War II

Prior knowledge:

World War II Hitler's Final Solution, US failed response to Jewish appeals.

Show a *portion* of the movie *Nanking* (movie total length is 90 minutes) You must send letters home stating that it is an R rated movie and if you do not want your child to see it please send the denial back. This is a powerful movie that urban female students view with great empathy with the subject. Showing the movie to 14-15 year old males results in something very different, many have no empathy, some when viewing it enjoyed it (unfortunately).

Show *A Place to Save Your Life: The Shanghai Jews* (22 minutes)

Assign small groups of 3 or 4 students to create power points,

- Rape of Nanking
- Shanghai Jews
- Cambodia Killing Fields
- Korean Comfort Girls

Have students' present power points of their design.

The historical **response to the Rape of Nanking and the other issues in: China, Japan, United States**

Why did Japan not respond to the Jews of Shanghai as their other Axis Powers?

In large group have the groups present their findings and discuss why did Nanking occur and why is there so little of it discussed, while other atrocities are very well known and discussed. (Killing Fields, Rwanda, Serbia, My Lai, and of course the greatest atrocity Germanys Final Solution of the Jews)