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Subject: Trip to the Holocaust Museum

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to generous contributions from each of your offices/departments, I was able to take a group of 20 students to the Holocaust Museum on Saturday, March 26, 2011. This visit was carefully planned and built into the fabric of two courses which I am currently teaching (German Children's Literature and Major Cultural Periods, Part II, from the 18th century to the end of the Weimar Republic).

On behalf of my students, I write to thank you for supporting this very worthy project. We were able to visit three exhibits at the Museum: the main exhibition, a special exhibit devoted to Nazi Propaganda, and Daniel's Story, which depicts the effect of the Holocaust on a fictional child. Based on the students' immediate reactions and their comments in the written feedback that I have received since our return, I know that this was an extremely significant personal and intellectual experience. It was also an excellent complement to the films, readings, lectures, and discussions that preceded our visit.

Enroute to Pittsburgh, we viewed two films, The boy in the striped pajamas and Comedian Harmonists. Both of these depicted individuals in Hitler Germany that were directly affected by Nazi race laws and were based on historical sources.

I am attaching a group photo taken in front of the museum. If you would like to use this photo in newsletters or the like, please feel free to do so.

Thanks again, and I certainly hope that you will consider sponsoring such events in the future. They are definitely worthy of support and provide students excellent learning opportunities.

Sincerely,

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