

What is Antisemitism?

Episode 7 • Student Viewing & Activity Guide

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

PART 1 — WARM-UP: Before You Watch

Think about what you already know. Answer in 2–3 sentences:

Have you ever heard the word 'antisemitism' before? What do you think it means? If you don't know, what do you think the word is made of?

PART 2 — GUIDED NOTES: While You Watch

Complete these notes as you watch. You don't need complete sentences — key words are fine.

- 1 The word 'antisemitism' was coined in the _____ century by _____. Why did he invent this term? _____

- 2 The word 'Semite' refers to a group of languages including: _____, _____, and _____ . But Marr was targeting only: _____

- 3 List TWO ways Jews were treated differently in the Greco-Roman era: a) _____ b) _____

- 4 What is the 'blood libel'? When and where did it first occur?

- 5 During the Middle Ages, Jews were accused of being responsible for: _____,
_____, _____, _____
- 6 During the Enlightenment, antisemitism shifted from _____ hatred to _____ hatred. What does this mean?

- 7 What was the Holocaust, and how does Noa connect it to the history you just learned?

- 8 What is the 'canary in the coal mine' metaphor? What does it warn us about?

PART 3 — MAP ACTIVITY: The Jewish Diaspora

Use the map provided (or the one projected by your teacher) to complete the following:

- ① Mark the location of ancient Israel / Jerusalem.
- ② Draw arrows showing the major directions of Jewish dispersal: to Babylon, to Rome/Italy, to Western Europe, to the Iberian Peninsula (Spain/Portugal), to the Middle East and North Africa.
- ③ Label at least 3 regions where large Jewish communities settled after the diaspora began.

Reflection: Why does it matter that Jewish communities ended up in so many different places? How might that have affected how antisemitism spread?

PART 4 — GROUP WORK: Eras of Antisemitism

Your group will be assigned ONE era. Complete the chart below for your era, then be ready to share with the class.

My Group's Era: ■ Ancient/Greco-Roman ■ Medieval Europe ■ Enlightenment/Scientific Racism ■ Modern/Contemporary

How did antisemitism appear in your era? What form did it take?

Give ONE specific example mentioned in the video:

What stereotype or accusation was used against Jews in your era?

Our 3-sentence summary to share with the class:

PART 5 — DISCUSSION & EXIT TICKET

Discussion Preparation — jot a few notes before the class discussion:

◆ **What does it mean to call antisemitism a 'shape-shifting conspiracy theory'?**

◆ **Noa says Jews were accused of being too rich AND too poor, too religious AND too secular. What does that contradiction tell you?**

◆ If antisemitism is the 'canary in the coal mine,' what is the dangerous gas?

EXIT TICKET — Write your final answers on the index card your teacher gives you:

In 2–3 sentences, define antisemitism using at least TWO vocabulary words from today's lesson.	Why is antisemitism called a "canary in the coal mine"? Why should people who are NOT Jewish care about antisemitism?