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Never Again

Never Again. The phrase saying to never let something bad happen again. It can mean many things and to me, it means to play my role in something so I can stop it from happening again. An example is the Holocaust. A time where Jews were dying every hour and were turned into slaves by the minute. A lot of people died to form the Holocaust. About 6 million Jews died in the Holocaust. There are only about 14 million in the world today. How could this happen? Who did this? These are both very good questions. Unfortunately, these questions have dark answers. First I will start with who did this? The answer is a group called the Nazis led by Adolf Hitler. Hitler was an awful person and a very scary leader. He had so much power over everyone and was feared everywhere. He and his Nazis conquered most of Europe in WWII. The next question is on how they did this? They killed 6 million Jews by torturing them, gassing them, or just killing them in plain sight. The concentration camps were the worst. These camps are not actual camps. They are hell chambers and stored hundreds of thousands of Jews to be killed and worked. There were hundreds of camps, and very few Jews escaped. There was one particular Concentration camp that sticks out more than the rest. It was located in Poland. The name of this camp was Auschwitz. Oh, Auschwitz Auschwitz was the main camp. Many Jews died here. An estimated number of 1.1 million Jews died in Auschwitz.

This is horrible. It is so scary to think about. It should never ever happen again. The phrase "Never Again." There are many examples of Never Again things. 9/11 and The Parkland shooting are just some that come to mind. After those things happened, we as Americans saw the other side of things and started to rebuild and grow stronger from them. We have better security for planes. We are still trying to figure out how to stop school shootings. We learn together. I am a Jew and I stand by this towards the Holocaust. I am an upstander when it comes to this and I want to help whenever I can if it has to do with the Holocaust. I have my own responsibilities as a Jew to do these things. Our generation is to not let this happen. I want to represent my religion even though I am not a very religious person. I wear a Jewish star every day to represent being a Jew. It is important to me. Other than representing being a Jew, I also have a responsibility to educate people on the Holocaust. There is a lot of people in this world who are not educated on how bad the Holocaust actually was. Some people say "It was fake," "It was not that bad," "Why does it matter to me, I am not a Jew." These are just some things people say. I have not encountered these things head-on, but I have heard stories and seen them on social media. If I met someone and I became friends with them and they were unsure about the Holocaust, I would fill my responsibility and teach them about it. I would have no shame in doing so and would appreciate that person asking me. The more people we educate on the Holocaust, the safer we become from something like it happening again. Even though I am a Jew, I still have the stuff to learn about the Holocaust. I am very open-minded to learning about it and that is what other people have to understand. It can happen again and it has happened again in places like Cambodia and Vietnam. It is scary to think about. We

should not take any chances and we should keep moving on as one. In all, we should always relate to the motto of "Never Again."