

## Examples of Guided Reflections

### Question 1: HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN PAINTING YOUR STONE OF REMEMBRANCE? WHY DID YOU FEEL THIS WAY?

I felt sad and heartbroken hearing that this person died at my age. I had wished this had never happened. I almost started crying! **Aviyah Tzuben, AJA grade 5**

I felt a bit of hope in a time of darkness. That even though it happened around 90 years ago, we still remember the people who died and how it actually matters to us. **Coby Ebrams, AJA grade 5**

I felt sad knowing that a ten-year-old girl had a family and a life and could have had a beautiful family and kids but is not able to live up to her full potential. **Rebecca Carter, AJA grade 6**

I was wondering how did Renia feel? She was only six. **Eden Amos, Lovett grade 6**

I felt disappointed that the US did not step in and protect these kids. **Hudson Cornett, Lovett grade 6**

I felt sad because the world is a little emptier without these children who were taken decades too soon. **Chloe Isakow, AJA grade 7**

Painting the Stones of Remembrance was a very emotional, more specifically poignant experience for me. I was shocked when I realized the gravity of the activity, writing where and when very young children died. **Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I felt a connection to the kid I was making it for. I feel like I'm doing a favor for him and that he deserves so much more. **Rafa, AJA grade 8**

I felt sad that the kids didn't get to laugh, make friends, get married, and find a purpose. **Noah, AJA grade 8**

I felt shocked and confused. Why would they kill little innocent children because of their religion? **Hallel, AJA grade 5**

### Question 2: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER CHILDREN WHO WERE KILLED IN THE HOLOCAUST?

Because they were innocent victims of a horrific ideology. Remembering them also ensures that similar atrocities never happen again. Remembering them teaches us about the Holocaust and the dangers of discrimination, hatred, and unchecked power. **Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

When it was at its peak, millions of people were killed: Jews, Muslims, Hindus, and many other minorities who weren't considered the "perfect race." **Anonymous, Temple Sinai grade 6**

Because we are their age and we can't imagine that happening to us. We also need to learn about the Holocaust because it is a big part of our Jewish history. **Emily Katzman, AJA, grade 5**

Because we are Jewish children remembering Jewish children that did not have a proud happy life like we do. **Anih Aavdar-Rubin, AJA grade 6**

It is important because they do not have a burial place. **Shlomo I, AJA grade 6**

One reason is because 1.5 MILLION innocent children were murdered for no other reason than being Jewish. Another reason is because their families were also murdered, so there was no one to say Kaddish for them. **Naomi Perez, AJA grade 6**

They were so young and were brutally killed in genocide. It's hard to even comprehend the fear they must have felt. We need to remember, so we don't do the same mistake again. **Anna Pronin, Lovett grade 6**

They suffered from torture, pain and death. They were traumatized and hurt. We should feel a lot of empathy for them. **Christopher Ogilvie, Lovett grade 6**

Because they don't deserve what happened to them and it was unjust. We owe them remembrance. **Bella Ebrams, AJA grade 7**

Because it was not just them who perished, but every future child they might have had. **Ma'ayan Rosenthal, AJA grade 7**

Because it is part of our culture and the things that happened during the Holocaust were horrible and nobody should go through that. **Logan Rabinowitz, AJA grade 7**

So that they become more than just a number in a death count. These were actual children, they had actual lives. They should be remembered by their names, not numbers. **Ella Bedzow, AJA grade 8**

Because it shows that the Nazis had no remorse for any Jews, not even the tiniest children. **Noa Feen, AJA grade 8**

So it doesn't happen again and because we shouldn't forget them. If we remember them, it's like they are still alive. **Moshe, AJA grade 8**

Because they fought to save Judaism. **Izzy Steinberg, AJA grade 8**

### **Question 3: WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE STONES OF REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITY?**

I learned that everybody matters. **Evan Bettsack, AJA grade 5**

I learned that not everyone is remembered. **Ryan Schwartz, AJA grade 5**

I learned that many children died and has nobody who remembers them and that it's important to remember them. **Zachary Schulman, AJA grade 5**

I learned it is a kind of important thing to make someone's life matter every year.  
**Priya Hebbar, Lovett grade 6**

Painting the Stone of Remembrance helps us to understand the cruelty of Germany. It was their goal to kill people to gain power and control in their country. It makes me think about the children suffering through wars and how brave and scared they have to be so they don't get killed. It also shows how many innocent children were killed. War can be tragic for all people especially young children. **Stephanie Xiang, Lovett grade 6.**

I learned around how many kids were killed in the Holocaust (1.5 million). I learned the importance of honoring memory. **Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I was able to truly understand the brutality and impact of the Holocaust. The perspective I had before was nothing compared to the true scope and importance it had. **Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I learned that every life that was killed is important and we should learn about it. **Gann, AJA grade 8**

To never forget what happened to them. **Adi Dan, AJA grade 8**

I learned that memorialization can be done in several ways.  
**Revital, AJA grade 8**

I learned there were 1.5 million Jewish kids who were killed in the Holocaust. That's more than how many Jews live in Georgia. **Rafa, AJA grade 8**

### **Question 4: IF ALLOWED TO TAKE YOUR STONE HOME, WHERE WOULD YOU PLACE IT AND WHY?**

I would put it near my Shabbat candles on my Shabbat table, so I can remember this child and pray for them.  
**Ruth Frank, AJA grade 6**

I would put it right next to one of my windows because in nature there is always peace and harmony, and I hope for these poor children there is always peace and harmony. **Mattie Katz, AJA grade 5**

I would put my stone in the front of my house so everyone who walks by or comes in will know the child and remember all the kids that were killed. **Yael Baranes, AJA grade 7**

In my room because that is where I am most during the day, and you need to remember it all day long.  
**Daria Gal, AJA grade 8**

I would put it outside so the stone could be closer to God, and we could read it and thank Hashem we live. We should feel sorry for these children and remember their stories. **Aviya Tzuben, AJA grade 5**

I would put it in my garden with flowers as a sort of memorial area. **Revital, AJA grade 8**

I would put it in a window sill that receives much sunlight and has a nice view of my front yard. The children who died in the Holocaust were robbed of their childhood, so they deserve a pleasant and peaceful view.  
**Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I would put it on my desk where I can always see it. I would love to see the stone every day to remember the lives lost, but I want to also remember what they went through. I do my homework on my desk. Whenever I think that life is so hard, I will see the stone and remember what people younger than me had to go through.  
**Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I would put it on my shelf above my dresser with my trophies and signed baseball cards. These are my most valuable possessions, and the stone would be part of that collection as well. **Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I would put it on my shelf in my room because that is the highest spot to place things, the closest to heaven where most of these children are. **Anonymous, HIES Grade 7**

I would put it outside in the grass so that every time I go outside, I remember that they died against their will and deserve to be remembered. Even when it rains, the stone will stay the same because their legacy will never be lost. **Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I would put in my front yard among the flowers because a beautiful person deserves to be in a beautiful place.  
**Anonymous, HIES grade 7**

I would put it in my treasure box. My treasure box is a place where my happiest memories go. I think that these kids need to be remembered with joy. **Anna Pronin, Lovett grade 6**

I would put it outside on my balcony because that's where it can shine. People driving by would see it and feel its pain. The child will be happy that someone let them shine. **Christopher Ogilvie, Lovett grade 6**