

Student Quotes

“[You] helped me understand how truly awful hate is and what can happen. I learned that in order to keep this from happening again myself and others should learn to be more accepting and never be afraid to stand up for someone else and put a stop to hate.”

Brendan Trospen

“I now see the prejudice that is going on around the school and I can see the prejudice inside me. I now realize that everyone is prejudiced and I’m trying to correct it inside myself.”

Tommy Torgrimson

“It was a lot better [than reading history]. We got to be more involved. You got to listen to someone else’s story and got to have an opinion. It sticks in your mind, more than if you’re reading it.”

Katie Stone

“I was very intrigued to discover new aspects of foreign culture that I had been blind to before. To hear a firsthand account of an event or place is much more educational than reading a textbook.”

Matt Atkin

“I appreciate your truth and your willingness to share your dear memories with the school... I along with [another girl] are the only Jews in 8th grade. We are both really glad that your message got out to the few in this school who need it.”

Julie Marmor

“Our textbook briefly discusses the conflict between the Arabs and Jews, but you were able to allow me to understand this conflict. Your discussions motivate me to go out and do something to help this problem.”

Ellie Evers

“...racist comments like ‘Go back to China’ surprised me. I thought racism pretty much ended in the 60’s.”

Lindsey Lucia

“It’s hard for me sometimes to have to adjust to little things, but I can only imagine what it would be like to have to adjust to a whole new county.”

Taylor Williams

“Even though I knew a lot about the Arab-Israeli conflict, you opened my eyes to the history behind it and some possible solutions.”

Leila Dada

“...surviving the Holocaust is the most extraordinary and untopable feat I’ve ever heard. I think you are very brave and a true hero just because of the sole fact of not letting them de-humanize you and surviving the utter chaos that I’m sure the Nazi’s created.”

Cameron Burden

“I found it to be very sad that you had to experience these things. It gave me a great sense of how things were in the Holocaust. I am especially aware of this issue because people of my religion, Jehovah’s Witnesses, were also among those who were persecuted.”

Danielle Fry

“I think that [her] story impacted me because it was coming from a person who had seen the effects of history, rather than a boring text book.”

Holmes Futrell

“Our interview affected me because I didn’t know stereotypes were that harsh on the Chinese.”

Nicky Graydon

“When you read a book, it’s not real. When you listen to someone’s experience, it’s completely different.”

Jenny Kim

“It makes me feel we think our problems are so big, but once you hear their problems, it’s not even close.”

Rob Chandler