

# WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST LEAVE?

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In your groups, discuss what kind of paperwork or documents you think it would take to be able to leave (emigrate) the United States to go live in another country today. List what you think you would need to submit to the United States and what you would need to submit to the country to which you are moving:

Documents submitted to U.S. Government	Documents submitted to new country

Now, take a look at the document about emigrating from Germany in the 1930s. List the top three things that you think would have been the hardest to get/do in order to leave the country.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Look now at the document about immigrating into the United States. Again, what are the top three obstacles that faced those wishing to come to the United States?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

According to the map provided by the USHMM, how many people did emigrate from Germany to other countries during this time period? Add them all up and place the total number here: \_\_\_\_\_

Some of the countries where people moved to would soon become controlled by Germany during World War II and the German Jews who emigrated there were in danger again. Which countries were those? List them below:

Ultimately, the question isn't "Why didn't they just leave?"...it becomes

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