

GERMAN 1000 –Spring 2016

1st Reaction Essay. Due date: February 11 (Worth 5% of grade)

"Peter Eisenman: Building Germany's Holocaust Memorial"

<https://O-ucdenver.kanopystreaming.com.skylinr.edu/video/peter-eisenman-building-germanys-holocaust-memorial>

Your reaction should be at least 250 words in length , typed and double-spaced. Make sure you answer all of the following questions:

- 1) Compare this memorial with those established more recently for the Roma/Sinti (Gypsies) and the Lesbians/Gays. These are also found in Berlin but are on a much more modest scale. You'll need to check the Internet for information on them. Is it a good idea to have separate memorials for each group or should there have been just one for all affected groups?
- 2) Do you think the "Ort" (underground place of information) is a good Idea? Why, or why not?
- 3) Officially, the memorial is for the six million "murdered Jews of Europe". Were all of the holocaust victims "murdered"? Suggest a better and more accurate title for the memorial.
- 4) The Auschwitz death toll was originally set at around four million. About twenty-five years ago, this figure was revised downward to about 1.1 million. Why is there no corresponding reduction in the overall figure of six million?
- 5) There are three assertions made in the documentary that are patently false. They are made by Michael Naumann, Lea Rosh and Gregor Gysi. What are they? (No points will be deducted for wrong answers, but please answer.)

Question by question