

Context Clues: Card 2

The following vocabulary is intended to provide context for information that is presented in Card 2. Also included are links to closely related secondary source materials, such as brief encyclopedia articles and maps.

Vocabulary

Auch \ōsh\ A town in the southwest of France that is the capital and most populated city in the Gers department.

August 27, 1942 The date that 13-year-old Peter (Pierre) Feigl began his diary at the Château de Montéléone children's colony in Condom in the department of Gers in southwest France.

Cavailhon, Mrs. Anna Marie Cavailhon [May 23, 1903—November 30, 1989], a devout Catholic and directress of a children's home at the Château de Montéléone in the department of Gers.

Château de Montéléone \sha-tō də mont-ē-lē-ō-nē\ A summer camp/children's home in Condom in the department of Gers in France.

Children's Colony [*Colonie d'enfants*] Children's home.

Condom \kō"dōn\ A town in southwest France in the department of Gers.

Department One of a hundred administrative divisions (designated portions) of the country of France.

Department of Gers \zhe (ə)r\ A department located in southwest France; the most populated city in the Gers department is Auch, followed by Condom.

Deportation Transport to a killing center where those transported were systematically murdered.

Euphemism Substituting a vague, indirect, or milder word or expression for the original. The Germans used deceptive euphemisms to explain and justify deportations of Jews from their homes to ghettos or transit camps, and from the ghettos and camps to the gas chambers at Auschwitz and other killing centers.¹

Quakers Specifically, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a U.S.-based Quaker aid society that sponsored the Château de Montéléone, a children's home in the department of Gers. The Quaker movement itself, also called the Society of Friends, was founded in England during the middle of the 17th century.¹

"Resettlement Eastward" A phrase often used euphemistically by the Nazis and their collaborators to mean transportation of victims to killing centers in Poland where they were mass murdered.

Vélodrome d'Hiver [*Vel d'Hiv*] A sports arena in Paris, France where in mid-July, 1942, 13,000 Jews were seized in Paris and interned for several days where they were held without food or water, until their deportation to Auschwitz.¹

¹United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/>

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Related Resources

1. **“Deceiving the Public.”** *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10007822/>
2. **“Deportations to Killing Centers.”** *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005372>
3. **“France.”** *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005429>
4. **“France, 1933.” Online Map.** United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/media_nm.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005429&MediaId=1276
5. **“Major Deportations from France, 1942-1944.” Online Map.** United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.: http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/media_nm.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005429&MediaId=1277
6. **“Nazi Euphemisms.”** *Holocaust Chronicle*: <http://www.holocaustchronicle.org/StaticPages/215.html>
7. **“Quakers.”** *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005212>