

Context Clues: Card 6

The following vocabulary is intended to provide context for information that is presented in Card 6. Also included are links to closely related secondary source material, such as brief encyclopedia articles and maps.

Vocabulary

Anschluss German word meaning connection or annexation that is used to refer to the takeover of Austria by Germany in March 1938.²

Am. Peter's shorthand for Americans.

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

Baptize To immerse (an individual) in water, or pour or sprinkle water over (the individual), as a symbol of admission into Christianity or a specific Christian church.

Catholic A member of the Catholic church, especially Roman Catholic. Although the Catholic Church was persecuted in the Third Reich, Catholics as a group were not officially targeted by the Nazis merely for practicing the Catholic faith.¹

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 colony in Condom in the department of Gers in France.

Emigration Forms Official documents requesting to leave one country or region to settle in another.

English and American attack on North Africa Called Operation Torch, this military campaign, began on November 8, 1942, and ended on November 11, 1942. U.S. and British forces, commanded by American General Dwight D. Eisenhower, carried out this campaign.¹

Gendarme \ʒɑ:n-da:rm\ French policeman who is part of the gendarmerie \zhahn-dahr-muh-ree\, a body or group of French police officers.

Leaflet A small flat or folded sheet of printed matter, as an advertisement or notice, usually intended for free distribution.

Les Caillols \lā kai- yo\ A children's colony located in the Les Caillols suburb of Marseille in the Bouches-du-Rhône department.

Marseille \mahr-sey\ A seaport in and the capital of Bouches-du-Rhône department in southeast France.

Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants (OSE) (Children's Aid Society), worldwide Jewish organization for children's welfare and health care. During World War II, the OSE established a rescue network for children in Nazi-occupied France called *Circuit Garel*.²

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Vocabulary (cont'd)

Port A place on a waterway with facilities for loading and unloading ships.

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. During 1941 and 1942, the AFSC chose Jewish children from children's homes and refugee camps in southern France for transfer to the United States.¹

Transport A means of transporting or conveying, in this case, a ship.

Zones, Occupied/Unoccupied After the German army invaded France in May 1940, in June the French surrendered and signed an armistice with the Nazis. France was then divided in two: northern France (the occupied zone) was put under German control, while southern France (the unoccupied zone) was put under the control of a new French government that was established in the town of Vichy. In November 1942 German and Italian forces took over the Vichy zone.²

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

²**Yad Vashem** <http://www.yadvashem.org/>

Related Resources

1. "Jewish Aid and Rescue," *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <https://secure.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=es&ModuleId=10005519>
2. "Occupation of the Southern Zone, November 1942." Online Map. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/media_nm.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005429&MediaId=1636
3. "Operation Torch," *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10007303>
4. "Racial Antisemitism, 1875-1945" *Holocaust Encyclopedia*. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10007171>