International reaction to the holocaust

**Directions:** As you look over each document/reading with your group, discuss the answers to the following questions. Record your answers in the provided space.

**Document 2A: *The Evian Conference:***

1. What was the purpose of the Evian Conference?
2. What was the outcome of the conference?
3. How did the reaction of world nations encourage the implementation of Nazi policy?

**Document 2B: “Will the Evian Conference Guide Him to Freedom?”**

1. How does the cartoonist depict the results of the Evian Conference?
2. Do you think that the cartoonist supports the outcome of the Evian Conference? Give evidence.

\*\*What is YOUR reaction to the Evian Conference?

**Document 3A: The Jewish Population in Europe**

1. Examine the map. Make note of the different number of Jews living in the various countries in Europe.
2. Which countries were inhabited by large numbers of Jews and which were home to far fewer Jews?

**Document 3B: National Responses to Jewish Refugees**

1. Which country admitted the largest number of refugees and which admitted the fewest?
2. What was the total number of refugees accepted into foreign countries between 1933-1945?
3. What conclusions can you draw by comparing the Jewish population in Europe in 1933 with the information in the graph?

**Document 4: The Voyage of the *St. Louis***

1. Why did Jane Keibel’s family decide to leave Germany?
2. What obstacles did they face once they made the decision?
3. Why might some Jews have chosen to stay in Germany?
4. The *St. Louis* was not the only ship carrying refugees to be turned away from the United States in the late 1930’s. What do such incidents suggest about America’s “universe of obligation”?

**Document 5: Danish Rescue Boat**

1. Describe how the Danes helped the Jews.
2. How and why was the reaction of the Danes different from that of people of other countries?
3. How did geography contribute to the success of the Danish rescue?

**Document 6: Response of the Catholic and Protestant Churches**

1. What was the attitude of the churches vis-à-vis the persecution of the Jews?
2. Did the Pope ever speak out against the Nazis?
3. What is YOUR reaction to this reading?

**Document 7B: Why Wasn’t Auschwitz Bombed?**

1. What reasons did the Americans give for not bombing Auschwitz?
2. Do you agree with the decision not to bomb Auschwitz? Explain.