

Sample Informational Multi-Paragraph Outline

Prompt: In an informational essay, explain how the individual you researched resisted the Nazis by taking significant action to save lives during the Holocaust.

Introductory Sentence: Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania, saved the lives of thousands of Jewish people during the Holocaust by issuing transit visas that allowed them to safely leave the country, despite his government's orders not to do so.

Topic 1: Identity, Motivations

Topic Sentence:

In 1940, while serving the Japanese government in Lithuania, Chiune Sugihara was approached by a group of Jewish people who needed his help.

Supporting Details:

- Japanese diplomat, stationed in Lithuania
- Jewish people made "a desperate request" (Yad Vashem, "Chiune Sempo Sugihara") for transport visas to get to safety
- S. had power to help, asked Japanese gov't what to do
- Japanese gov't said no visas

Topic 2: Actions, Consequences

Topic Sentence:

Sugihara did not follow his government's orders because he believed it was morally right to help Jewish people escape Lithuania.

Supporting Details:

- Began to issue visas before gov't responded; kept doing it even after they said no
- Wrote visas all day and night, by hand, until the moment he left for anyone who asked
- His own words: "There were about 4,500" (YV, "Interview with Chiune . . .")
- Saved thousands of lives