# Antisemitic Propaganda Exercise: Children's Book Cover, 1936



Cover of the antisemitic children's book *Trau keinem Fuchs auf gruener Heid und keinem Jud bein seinem Eid* (Trust No Fox in the Green Meadow and No Jew on His Oath), published by Der Stuermer-Verlag.

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#### **Deconstructing antisemitism:**

- 1. What messages does this book cover send?
- 2. What stereotypes are used?
- 3. Why do you think it targets children?
- 4. How does the timing of this book, published in 1936, coincide with the Holocaust? Why is that important?
- 5. Are there messages you see or hear in modern life that invoke similar stereotypes? What can you do to counter such images and messages?

# Antisemitic Propaganda Exercise: Political Cartoon, 1938



Antisemitic cartoon by Seppla (Josef Plank), showing an octopus with a Star of David over its head and its tentacles encompassing a globe.

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#### **Deconstructing antisemitism:**

- 1. What messages does this cartoon send?
- 2. What stereotypes are used?
- 3. Why do you think the artist showed the world being attacked, rather than just Germany or Europe?
- 4. How does the timing of this cartoon, published in 1938, coincide with the Holocaust? Why is that important?
- 5. Are there messages you see or hear in modern life that invoke similar stereotypes?
- 6. What can you do to counter such images and messages?

# Image of Antisemitism, 2000s



# Deconstructing antisemitism:

- 1. What messages does this cartoon send?
- 2. How are the messages similar to the Nazi cartoon from 1938? How are they different?
- 3. What fears does this cartoon drawn upon?
- 4. What can you do to counter such images and messages?

# Holocaust Denial, 2000s



This cartoon appears on numerous neo-Nazi and Holocaust denial websites.

## **Deconstructing antisemitism**

- 1. What message(s) does this cartoon send?
- 2. What stereotypes does the artist employ?
- 3. How are these stereotypes related to antisemitic portrayals of Jews before and during the Holocaust?
- 4. Why are slurs or epithets, like "kike," damaging? What kinds of slurs do you hear today?
- 5. What is your emotional response to this piece of propaganda? Why?
- 6. Why is it important to counter messages like these? Why is it important to "never forget" and never deny the Holocaust?