



Critical Thinking/Discussion Questions: –Blanche Stern

Website: <https://tnholcom.org/>

1. Blanche left Germany for Belgium. What was life like for Jews in Belgium? Use the link below to research your answer.

“The Virtual Jewish World: Belgium”

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/vjw/Belgium.html>

2. At several points in their journey, Blanche and her family are helped by Jews already living in Nashville, Tennessee. Was it risky to help those fleeing Nazi persecution? Why would someone make that choice?

3. What were the conditions like in the Gurs Camp in France, where Blanche was detained? Who were the prisoners? Use the links below from the *Holocaust Encyclopedia* of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum to research and find your answers.

“Gurs”

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005298>

“Map: Gurs Environs, 1942”

http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/media_nm.php?MediaId=388

Photograph

http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/media_ph.php?MediaId=515