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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Maus by American cartoonist Art Spiegelman is a graphic novel that illustrates the true story of the author's father Vladek Spiegelman and his experience as a Polish Jew and Holocaust survivor. The characters are depicted as cats/pigs (Nazis) and mice (Jews). The narrative, between father and son, takes place in 1978 from Rego Park, New York. Vladek Spiegelman shares his experience leading up to World War II and his liberation from Nazi concentration camps.

Students will explore the terrifying reality of the Holocaust through the author's witness to the death of his family and the death of his innocence. Students will also explore relationships between social structures and how those change over time throughout a text.

Essential Question:

- ◆ To what extent do individuals have control over their lives?
- ◆ How does one individual impact the world?
- ◆ Is it justifiable to sacrifice human lives?

Best wishes - 751M's Curriculum Committee



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