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The Holocaust Memorial  
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The trip to Washington was wonderful. There were many historical places to see, the Museums, the Wall and Arlington Cemetery are very interesting. But the most heart wrenching place was the Holocaust Memorial. This is a place everyone should see. The way it is set up gives you the feeling you are part of the picture. When you take the elevator to the fourth floor, you are crammed into a dismal gray box, like a cell. It gives you the feeling that something evil is going to happen to you. The door opens and you are in a dismal place like the home of a Jewish boy in Nazis Germany. It shows the living conditions and tells about his life. As you proceed through the other rooms you see the mock up of how the S.S. herded the Jews into the gas chambers. They were jammed so tight they couldn't fall over when they died. After they were dead they shaved their head and knocked the gold fillings out of their teeth. They also kept their clothes and shoes. The pictures on the walls in the shaft from the top floor to the first were of the families that were murdered by the Germans. Seeing all these things makes you wonder how anyone can be so cruel to ruthlessly annihilate a race of people (of) their religious belief. I believe then and I still believe now that all those involved in this action should also suffer the same fate. I have seen these camps in Germany with partially burned bodies in the ovens. I have also seen the five mounds at Camp Belsen that holds the remains of fifteen thousand Jews under each mound. I can never forgive the Germans or the Japanese for the atrocities they inflicted on the human race.

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Seeing this place brings back memories of those times. But people never learn, the same things are happening today and no one cares or is willing to do anything. People sit back and watch it happen just like before. I believe I fought for nothing. At the end of the tour there are books for your comments. It disgusted me to see the comments of someone saying he didn't believe that crap. I would say some skinhead Nazis or K.K.K. member wrote this.