

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out--because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out--because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out--because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me--and there was no one left to speak for me. -Martin Niemöller. Throughout history there have been devastations in many different shapes and forms. Yet there are no words that can speak of the devastation and loss of life that the holocaust caused. Two movies that give a small glimpse into the holocaust are The boy in Striped Pajamas and Schindler's List.

The boy in Striped Pajamas and Schindler's List have many similarities. They are both based in the Holocaust. Fashion was used in both Schindler's List and Boy in the Striped Pajamas. It either showed who had power and who did not in both stories. During both movies they would be forced to wear a star so that Jews could easily be identified.

In Schindler's List the climate is seen as much more harsh. Often during the movie is it freezing cold, raining, windy, or snowing. This is seen and emphasized in certain scenes in the movie. When we would see the prisoners it often in harsh terrains and weather conditions that they have to deal with. This movie is also in grey besides the girl in the red coat which is used as symbolism. In The boy in Striped Pajamas Bruno is lead to believe that the prisoners are not actually prisoners but they are farmers because they were wearing all the same uniform. In this Movie there was color and the climate and setting was much more nice than it was in Schindler's List. This may be do to that fact that this is a disney film.

In both movies this gives a personal aspect to all things in your life. You start to think about what if you were put in these individuals position? What would you do? How would you survive this? In Schindler's List we see Jewish people treated much more harsh compared to the Disney film The Boy in Striped Pajamas. We see more abuse and harsh treatment compared the Disney film. While watching Schindler's List I had an especially hard time watching the Nazi's burn the people and where he realizes how many more people he could have saved at the end of the movie. I think this was the hardest part of the movie for me. Throughout the movie we see him playing a very stoic and emotionless person. But at the end when he finally breaks down crying it was hard to watch.

In the boy in Striped Pajamas it was hard to watch throughout the whole movie. I related having my little brother Dominic in that position. Just the thought of my little brother being put through that was hard to swallow. The innocence of both boys not understanding what was going on. The scene when both parents realize that he is gone was hard to see. The gas scene when he was shoved into the room and not understanding what was happening was devastating.

In conclusion, I feel both movies are something that every person should see at least once in their lifetime. This movie makes you put yourself in that position and realize how good you actually have it. When you try to put yourself in their positions you cannot even fathom what the Jews were put through and what they suffered.