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- USHMM's "Guidelines for Teaching About the Holocaust" are a great place to start
 - Avoid simple answers to complex questions
 - Strive for precision of language
 - Avoid comparisons of pain
 - Translate statistics into people
 - Make responsible methodological decisions
- In a typical classroom you may not have students who have survivors of modern genocides
 - Prevalence of sexual assault: it is highly likely you will have students who have been sexually assaulted (primary trauma)
 - 1 in 9 girls and 1 in 53 boys are sexually assaulted by an adult before age 18.

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Trauma-informed:

- Offering choice
- Offering control
 Control = "I know what's coming next"
- Encouraging collaboration



