

KZ-Gedenkstätte  
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## What is a Memorial?

The preparation for a visit  
to the Neuengamme  
Concentration Camp Memorial



The view of the former roll call square



Photos: KZ-Gedenkstätte Neuengamme

Memorial stones inscribed with the names of the former prisoners' countries



A glance into the main exhibition

What are the different purposes of a memorial site?  
Pay attention to the pictures and the quotations in the box on the right.

Which purpose do you think is the most important?  
State the reasons for your opinion.  
What is, in your opinion, especially important for the former prisoners and their families?

What are your personal expectations regarding your visit to the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial?

*"Your suffering, your struggle and your death shall not have been in vain."*

The inscription on the international monument located next to the House of Remembrance, 1965.

*"Since 1981 the Memorial site has developed into a documentation center of great importance across regions with a distinct pedagogical and academic profile. So far it has not only found its righteous place among museums, institutes of historical research and political training, but also played an important role in the understanding of the history and the self-image of the City of Hamburg."*

Detlef Garbe, Director of the Memorial, 2001.

*"Here, one can commemorate the numerous dead of the Nazi period, but cannot get a true impression of the time."*

A student, 2010.

*"At the Memorial, you can learn about the life during this time and really immerse yourself in history."*

A student, 2010