

# The History of European Antisemitism - Graphic Organizer: Open-ended



## Antisemitism Defined

Antisemitism is the hatred, discrimination, fear, and prejudice against Jews based on stereotypes and myths that target their ethnicity, culture, religion, traditions, right to self-determination, or connection to the State of Israel.

To best communicate that antisemitism is a word for anti-Jew hate, ICS, along with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Associated Press, and the New York Times all use the single-word spelling.

## Background - Ancient Historical Context

1. In what ways was Judaism “othered” in the ancient Mediterranean world?
2. What caused the Jewish diaspora, and how did this also impact their outsider status?
3. How did the emergence of Christianity impact the perception and treatment of Jews?

## Four Forms of Antisemitism

**Religious:** *prejudice against Jews based on the perception that Jewish religious beliefs and practices are harmful or pose a threat to society.*

**Economic:** *the belief that Jews perform harmful economic activities or that economic activities become harmful when performed by Jews.*

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**Political:** *the belief that Jews wield excessive power and influence and that they exploit it to advance their own hidden political agenda.*

**Racial:** *prejudice or hatred of Jews as a supposed racial group that is perceived to be a “biological” threat to a more “superior white race.”*

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### **Evolving Anti-Jew Hate**

The intent of anti-Jew hate is:

An example of how anti-Jew hate manifests in ways that don't fit neatly into one of the historical forms is: