**BOOK BURNING or how the distribution of knowledge could change world events.**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHzM1gXaiVo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHzM1gXaiVo)

(a video about book burning by the Nazis)

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W01W3yMmxew**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W01W3yMmxew) (A Short History of Burning Books)

[**https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book\_burning**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_burning)

[**https://www.alfavita.gr/ekpaideysi/252529\_ekpaideysi-sta-anthropina-dikaiomata-antiratsistiki-ekpaideysi-tainies-binteo**](https://www.alfavita.gr/ekpaideysi/252529_ekpaideysi-sta-anthropina-dikaiomata-antiratsistiki-ekpaideysi-tainies-binteo) **Αντιρατσιστική Εκπαίδευση: Ταινίες, βίντεο, ντοκιμαντέρ για σχολική χρήση**

Book burning is the ritual destruction by fire of books or other written materials, usually carried out in a public context. The burning of books represents an element of censorship and usually proceeds from a cultural, religious, or political opposition to the materials in question.

In some cases, the destroyed works are irreplaceable and their burning constitutes a severe loss to cultural heritage. Examples include the burning of books and burying of scholars under China's Qin Dynasty (213–210 BCE), the obliteration of the Library of Baghdad (1258), the destruction of Aztec codices by Itzcoatl (1430s), the burning of Maya codices on the order of bishop Diego de Landa (1562), and Burning of Jaffna Public Library in Sri Lanka (1981).

In other cases, such as the Nazi book burnings, copies of the destroyed books survive, but the instance of book burning becomes emblematic of a harsh and oppressive regime which is seeking to censor or silence some aspect of prevailing culture.

Book burning can be an act of contempt for the book's contents or author, and the act is intended to draw wider public attention to this opinion.

Art destruction is related to book burning, both because it might have similar cultural, religious, or political connotations, and because in various historical cases, books and artworks were destroyed at the same time.

When the burning is widespread and systematic, destruction of books and media can become a significant component of cultural genocide.

**QUESTIONS**

1. What was the purpose of book burning?
2. Is book burning still practiced today?
3. What famous books have been burned?

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1. Take a look at another book and film about BOOK BURNING by following the link:

[**https://time.com/5272968/fahrenheit-451-book-burning-history/**](https://time.com/5272968/fahrenheit-451-book-burning-history/)

1. Check the vocabulary/ Do you remember the meaning of the following words?

Censorship

Political opposition

oppressive regime

Moral content

Adaptation

Significant

Propaganda

Ideology

symbolism

superior race

Cultural

Destruction destroy destructive

Repression of ideas

<https://www.wordreference.com/engr/> to check the meaning of the words