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## SUMMARY

Herbert S. Heineman was born July 22, 1930 in Krefeld, Germany. His father was a wholesaler for bakery and confectioners supplies. Herbert shares his childhood memories of Krefeld, attending a Jewish elementary school and going to synagogue on Friday nights. He recalls one instance of being harassed on the street and states that he was aware of alarming news headlines even as a child. He shares his memories of Kristallnacht and the vandalism of their home. Herbert was sent to London on a *Kindertransport* in 1939 at the age of eight. His brother was sent on the next *Kindertransport* train two weeks later. Their parents were deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Herbert describes his trip to England and his life there in great detail, detailing his schooling and wartime conditions. He discusses fond memories of a hostel in Margate, Kent, being evacuated to Staffordshire in 1940 where he lived for two years, being moved to Aldridge (near Walsall) to a more Jewish environment where he received Jewish education and his final foster home in Manchester. He was able to write his parents at Theresienstadt through the Red Cross for three years.

Herbert and his brother were reunited with their parents in 1946, finished school in England and the whole family then emigrated to the United States in 1948 where Herbert worked and completed undergraduate and medical school. Herbert describes the family struggles involved in adjusting to being together after so many years and in dealing with the trauma they had survived. He discusses how his experiences in the Holocaust have affected his life, the way he raised his own children and how he relates to others.