

Ideas to Represent the Number Six Million

It is sometimes difficult to imagine a number as large as six million, or a tragedy as large as the murder of six million people. But to approach a more concrete, and less abstract, understanding of history, we should try to get a better idea what large numbers look like.

Mathematical Questions:

1. How many times could you travel around the world in 6,000,000 miles?
2. Adding the population of surrounding towns or cities in your area, how many communities would it take to equal 6,000,000?
3. Where would you be if you traveled 6,000,000 miles in space?
4. Pick a large sporting arena (like a football stadium) in your city, town, or county. Find out the arena's maximum capacity. Now calculate how many filled arenas you would need to have 6,000,000 people all together.
5. How high would 6,000,000 quarters be in inches, feet, and yards?