

# DON'T STAND BY

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## Settela Steinbach



Settela on the train to Auschwitz

(credit: Westerbork film shot by Rudolf Breslauer, 1944, NIOD, Amsterdam)

Settela was born in the Netherlands, close to Germany. She had six brothers and sisters. Settela and her family were Sinti.

The Nazis thought Sinti people were bad because they were different to them. The Nazis said all Sinti had to live in prison camps.

The Sinti had not done anything wrong. The Nazis put them in the prison camps just for being Sinti.

When Settela was in the prison camp the Nazis decided they wanted to move her to another camp.

The Nazis shaved Settela's head. Settela tied a piece of cloth around her head to cover it.

The Nazis put her in a train that had been used for animals. In this photo you can see Settela looking out of the train.

The prison camp the Nazis moved Settela to was called Auschwitz. The Nazis killed Settela in Auschwitz.

## Glossary:

**Auschwitz** – ‘Auschwitz’ was a camp where the Nazis kept people as prisoners and killed many of them. If you are a prisoner you are not allowed to leave a place. The Nazis had many camps and they killed millions of people in them.

**Different** – Being ‘different’ is the opposite to being the same. We use the word ‘different’ to talk about lots of things, for example, red is a ‘different’ colour to blue, sunny weather is ‘different’ to cloudy weather. In our life stories the word ‘different’ is often talking about people and the groups they belonged to. The Nazis were a group of people who did not like people from other groups because they thought they were ‘different’ to them. The Nazis only saw the differences between people. This made them bad.

**Nazis** – The ‘Nazis’ were a group of people in Germany who believed that they were better than everyone else. The ‘Nazis’ were racist, they wanted to kill people who were Jewish for being ‘different’ to them.

**Sinti** – Sinti are a group of people who share an ethnicity, who mostly live in Germany and other parts of central Europe. In the past most Sinti people lived a travelling or ‘Gypsy’ life – moving around and not living in one place.