



Resources

Holocaust Unit

Perpetrator - Resource D

A Testimony of an Eye Witness to the Holocaust

Mr. X was born in 1879. His father was a respected lawyer. His father fell ill around 1890 and was admitted to mental hospital where he died six years later in April 1896. Spacious apartments – first along Miodowa street, then Świętojska – had to be given up. Henryk worked as a tutor after school.

During the years 1898–1904 Mr. X studied medicine at University and also wrote for several newspapers. After graduation he became a pediatrician. During the Russo-Japanese War in 1905–1906 he served as a military doctor.

In 1907–1908 Korczak went to study in Berlin. In 1911–1912 he became a director of *Dom Sierot* in Warsaw. There he formed a kind-of-a republic for children with its own small parliament, court and a newspaper. He reduced his other duties as a doctor.

During World War I, in 1917 Mr. X became a military doctor with the rank of Lieutenant. He served again as a military doctor in the Army with the rank of Major but after a brief stint in Lodz was assigned to Warsaw.

Mr. X did not survive the war and died in 1942.