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### Did you know

... that the famous German film director Leni Riefenstahl used inmates of Maxglan Camp in Austria as extras in her film *Lowlands*, a melodrama set in Spain, for which she needed actors with dark hair and dark skin?

### For you to do

Study the photo carefully. What questions come to mind? What mood does the photo convey? Find out about everyday life for people living in similar situations today.

### The photo

Photograph of Sinti women and children taken in Maxglan Camp near Salzburg in 1939 or 1940. Documentation Centre of German Sinti and Roma, Heidelberg, Germany.

About 230 Sinti and Roma were held in a small detention camp in Maxglan/Leopoldskron-Moos, a suburb of Salzburg. After 1939, when life as a traveller was made illegal, the families could only leave the camp to go to work. Later they were only allowed out under supervision as slave labour. In April 1943, 160 Sinti were deported from Maxglan to Auschwitz, including the 17 children born in the camp.