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### Did you know

... that the camp was operated in 1940 and 1941 as a “Work Reform Camp” for allegedly anti-social men? It was closed in 1941 because of the brutal treatment and murder of inmates by their Nazi guards.

### For you to do

Compare the photo with the text and say what strikes you. Talk about the situation in which the photo might have been taken and the relationship that may have existed between the photographer and his subjects.

### The photo

Young Sinti in the Weyer Camp photographed by the camp doctor Alois Stauer in the summer of 1941. Private collection of Andreas Maislinger, Innsbruck, Austria.

Sinti families from Carinthia, the Tyrol, Salzburg, Bavaria and especially Upper Austria were taken to Weyer Camp from January 1941. They were used as slave labour, digging drainage ditches in the surrounding wetlands. On 1 November of the same year, they were all deported to the camp at Lackenbach in Burgenland, Austria. A few days later, they were probably “relocated” from there to Łódź, Poland, where they were murdered.