**Holocaust Prospective - Perpetrators**

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Background: Anti-Semitism, or hatred of Jews, is certainly one explanation for why Germans carried out the Holocaust. However, this reasoning did not stand during the Nuremberg Trials. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, prominent members of the Nazi Party were tired in Nuremberg, Germany. Many of the defendants were charged with war crimes or crimes against humanity for their role in the Holocaust. Some defendants were able to successfully avoid conviction by arguing that they had no choice but to participate in the Holocaust under the pressure of authority figures. In 1963, psychologist Stanley Milgram conducted an experiment to determine the validity of the Nazi defendants’ arguments.

Instructions: Follow the link below to read an overview of Milgram’s experiment. In the space provided below, summarize Milgram’s experiment in one paragraph. In another paragraph, summarize Milgram’s findings as they relate to the Holocaust.

Link: <http://www.simplypsychology.org/milgram.html>