

Assessing and Defining Responsibility

As best you can, define what the term responsibility” means to you. Now list ten responsibilities” you see yourself having.

If you were a judge, how would you assess the “responsibility” of these people for what happened in the world between 1933 and 1945? Indicate one of the following:

1. Not responsible
2. Minimally responsible
3. Responsible
4. Very responsible

What penalty, if any, could you foresee yourself giving to each of them?

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| <p>___ 1. Adolf Hitler, Chancellor of Germany</p> <p>___ 2. One of Hitler’s direct subordinates, such as Heinrich Himmler or Joseph Goebbels</p> <p>___ 3. A German who voluntarily joined Hitler’s special elite, the SS</p> <p>___ 4. A German industrialist who financially supported Hitler’s rise to power and continued to support him verbally</p> <p>___ 5. A judge who carried out Hitler’s decrees for sterilization of the “mentally incompetent” and internment of “traitors”</p> <p>___ 6. A doctor who participated in sterilizations of Jews</p> <p>___ 7. A worker in a plant producing Zyklon B gas</p> <p>___ 8. The Pope who made no public statement against Nazi policy</p> <p>___ 9. An industrialist who made enormous profits by producing Zyklon B gas</p> <p>___ 10. A manufacturer who used concentration camp inmates as slave labor in his plants</p> <p>___ 11. American industrialists who helped arm Hitler in the 1930s for their own profit</p> <p>___ 12. A person who voluntarily joined the Nazis in the 1930s</p> <p>___ 13. A person who agreed to publicly take the Civil Servant Loyalty Oath (swearing eternal allegiance to Adolf Hitler in 1934)</p> <p>___ 14. A person who complied with the law excluding Jews from economic and social life</p> | <p>___ 15. A person who regularly and enthusiastically attended Hitler rallies</p> <p>___ 16. A person who always respectfully gave the “Heil Hitler” salute</p> <p>___ 17. A person who served as a concentration camp guard</p> <p>___ 18. A person who turned the lever to allow the gas into the chambers</p> <p>___ 19. A driver of the trains that went to the concentration camps</p> <p>___ 20. A diplomat for the Nazi government</p> <p>___ 21. The American Government which limited emigration of Jews to the United States in the 1930s</p> <p>___ 22. The “little guy” who claimed “he doesn’t get involved in politics” and thus went about his business as quietly as he could in the Hitler regime</p> <p>___ 23. The soldier who carried out orders to roust Jews from their homes for “evacuation and resettlement”</p> <p>___ 24. The German couple who took up residence in a home evacuated by Jews</p> <p>___ 25. The Christian who took over a store just abandoned by Jews</p> <p>___ 26. The German who refused all pleas to participate in hiding and smuggling of Jews</p> <p>___ 27. The policemen who helped round up escaping Jews</p> <p>___ 28. A teacher who taught Nazi propaganda in the schools..</p> <p>___ 29. Children who joined the Hitler Youth</p> <p>___ 30. Parents who sent or allowed their children to attend Hitler Youth meetings</p> |
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