

Who Is Responsible?

Directions: You will be determining who was responsible for creating the Holocaust and to what extent they are guilty of crimes against humanity. Create a circle graph in which you assign the person(s) listed the percentage of responsibility you believe they should bear for the Holocaust. Remember, all percentages must add up to 100%.

Use the colors listed for each section of your graph. After you have made the designations of responsibility for each person(s), you must also provide a written explanation as to why you assigned that amount. (Don't give me responses such as, "That's just the way it adds up to 100%. This will not earn you credit.)

RED: Residents of Auschwitz and other towns near concentration camps who knew about the camps but did nothing to stop them.

BLUE: Minor Nazi soldiers who carried out the mass extermination orders without questioning their superiors.

GREEN: Hitler, the leader of the German nation who hated Jews and wanted them destroyed.

YELLOW: German citizens who voted for Hitler and the Nazi Party to revitalize their morally and economically depressed country.

ORANGE: The Jews who did not try to escape.

PURPLE: Top SS officers who designed and executed the "final solution" for Hitler.

BROWN: Non-Jewish Europeans who turned against their Jewish friends and fellow citizens for fear that they too would be imprisoned as Jewish sympathizers.

WHITE: Leaders of the Allied countries who saw evidence of the Holocaust but refused to get involved or voice opposition to Hitler's plan of extermination.

PINK: Churches of all denominations who remained silent and refused to intervene when confronted with evidence of the Holocaust.

BLACK: Yahweh, the God of the Jewish faith, who seemed absent and silent during this destruction of His chosen people.