



Nazi leaders awaiting trial

Running from November 21st, 1945-October 1st, 1946 the Nuremberg trials were an attempt by the victorious Allied countries to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. Of the 24 accused, 2 were found not guilty, 2 committed suicide before they were hanged, 2 more died before the trial, 12 were hanged and six were sent to prison.



Eichmann in 1944



Eichmann at trial in 1961

One of the highest ranking Nazis to escape capture after World War 2 was Adolph Eichmann. Eichmann was responsible for planning the capture and transportation of the Jews living in Europe during the war. In May of 1960, nearly 15 years after the end of the war, Eichmann was kidnapped in Argentina, South America by Israeli secret service agents. He was immediately flown back to Israel where he was found guilty of "crimes against humanity" and hanged.

1. What was the purpose of the Nuremberg Trials?
2. Do you think the Nazi's deserved to have a trial? Why or why not?
3. Where was Adolph Eichmann captured?
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5. Why would some nations protest the actions of the Israelis?
6. Do you think it is important to continue to hunt down living Nazis that escaped justice after the war even though they are approaching 100 years old? Why or why not?