

Group 2 

Questions about the Exhibition

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Welcome to the Memorium Nuremberg Trials!

The “Memorium Nuremberg Trials” takes a look at the court proceedings between 1945–1949 when the highest representatives of the National Socialist dictatorship were put on trial in the Nuremberg Palace of Justice. It also illustrates the importance of these trials for post-war history up to the present day.

The exhibition comprises three sections:

- The “Trial of the Main War Criminals” 1945/46 by an international tribunal of the victorious allied powers.
- Twelve “Follow-up Trials” by American military tribunals 1946–1949
- The present situation: today, too, presidents and other important representatives of governments and political groups accused of severe human rights crimes are indicted by international courts.

The best of success with the following questions! The figures refer to the audioguide positions relating to the exhibition panel.

Before the Nuremberg Trials 1



“Civilized War” 101

Which committee was founded by Swiss businessman, Henry Dunant? What were the tasks of the committee?

2 From Versailles to Leipzig 102

Take a look at the two pictures of World War I. Explain what these pictures describe.




3 Revenge or Accountability? 105 106

The Allied Powers did not agree immediately on how to deal with representatives of the Nazi regime. What were the different positions? In addition, what were the differing opinions voiced by the Americans (look at the photographs and captions)?




The "Trial of the Main War Criminals" 1945/46


The London Statute 111 
On what charges were the defendants indicted?



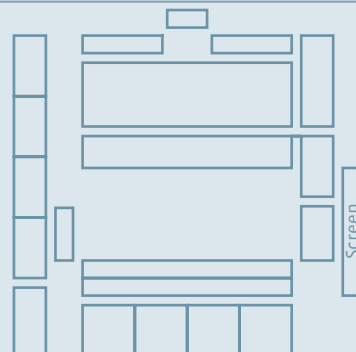
5 The Defendants
On the right and on the left you see all the defendants of the Trial of the Main War Criminals. Look for information about Fritz Sauckel, Albert Speer and Walther Funk. On what charges were they indicted and for what were they sentenced?

6 Nuremberg as Trial Venue 114 
Why was Nuremberg chosen as venue for the Trial of the Main War Criminals? Look for information and give reasons for your opinion.



7 The Prosecution 308 
Read the excerpt from the opening statement by the American chief prosecutor, Robert H. Jackson. In your opinion, what is the most important idea in his speech?

8 Floor Plan
Take a look at the floor plan. Mark on the sketch where the judges, the defendants, the witnesses and the interpreters sat.



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Witnesses 314

Watch the film, and write down what the eye witnesses reported. In your opinion, how important were these eye witness reports for the Trial of the Main War Criminals?



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Punishment 414

What sentences were passed?



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What happened to the defendants who were acquitted?

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Victors' Justice 418

Parts of German society were scandalized and thought that the "Trial of the Main War Criminals" was an unfair trial by the victorious powers. What do you think?



The Follow-up Trials 13

IG Farben Trial 607

Gather information about the IG Farben Trial. Write down what this trial was about.



The Situation Today 14

Ad-hoc Tribunals 702

In the early 1990s, the UN Security Council established International Tribunals for Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Why? Do you think that this made sense?

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The International Criminal Court 704

How was the “promise of Nuremberg” kept?



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Which countries are not members of the International Criminal Court? Why, in your opinion, have they not joined the ICC so far?

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