

In a group of 1-3 classmates, you will choose an “evil encounter” to research, determine the psychological factors that played a role in it happening, and finally present your findings to the class. Below is the list of evil events to choose from. After it has been chosen by one group it cannot be chosen again.

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My Lai Massacre
The Holocaust
Abu Gharib Prison Scandal
Newtown Shooting
Helter Skelter Killings
Internment of Japanese Americans
Jonestown Massacre
Marion Indiana Lynching
Columbine Shooting
The Trail of Tears Wounded Knee
9/11
Bataan Death March
Salem Witch Trials
Kitty Genovese Killing

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Prepare your presentation with the notetaker
- ✓ Make your slides
- ✓ Practice your presentation

Theories/Psychological concepts to consider:

Obedience (Milgram)

Kohlberg's Morality

Conformity (Stanford Prison)

Nature or Nurture

Observational Learning (learn by imitation)

Bystander Effect

Manipulation/Mind Control

Social Cognitive Theory (prejudiced learning)

Social Identity Theory (prejudice results from racial/social categories and marginalization)

Contact Theory (social contact with equal social groups promotes tolerance)

Indirect Contact Theory (non-direct exposure/contact with intergroup contact promotes tolerance)

Racism

Sexism