***‘The Final Solution’ Research Activity***

***Why are we doing this?***

The Holocaust is an event that continues to shape the world event today. It is important to study the history of this event for many reasons, among them is to understand events today and to better appreciate the depths of evil that we as a race are capable.

**DIRECTIONS:** Using whatever sources you wish, research the following questions below. PLEASE NOTE: be sure to include lots of detail; these will act as your notes for this section—YOU are responsible for the content!

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| Define the following:   * **Holocaust** * **The Final Solution** * **Aryan** * **Concentration camp** * **Ghetto** * **Einsatzgruppen** * **Gestapo** * **Gypsies** * **Lebensraum** * **Pogrom** * **SS** |  |
| Describe, as it relates to the holocaust, the **intentionalists** perspective and the **functionalists** perspective. |  |
| Before the extermination camps were built, what were the original methods of getting rid of the Jews?  Why were the extermination camps eventually created? |  |
| What role did those in nations conquered by Germany (USSR, Ukraine, Rumania, Latvia, Lithuania, etc.) play in the Holocaust? |  |

Ethical Dimension:

1. How do you believe those committing these acts of genocide would have justified what they were doing?

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