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## **Lesson Plan: Ben Frenz- Einsatzgruppen Prosecutor**

### **Grade Level:**

This lesson was developed for grades 7-12. [Age Appropriate](#) Guidelines from the USHMM are followed.

### **Subject:**

History; English/Language Arts; Multi-disciplinary

### **Rationale:**

Ben Frenz was the prosecutor of the Einsatzgruppen Trial after World War II.

### **Key Question(s):**

- Why did Ben Frenz prosecute the Einsatzgruppen trial and continue to work for International justice today?

### **Educational Outcome(s)**

- To understand who Ben Frenz was in regards to history and his own beliefs of justice
- To examine and explain Einsatzgruppen Trial #9.
- To develop and understanding of what Frenz feels is important in the way of International Justice today.
- Analyze Frenz's statement about mass murder, war and decent people.

### **Teacher preparation:**

Find *60 Minutes* Video of Ben Frenz- watch 14 minute video [Bing Videos](#)  
Place the following quote on the board- "War makes mass murderers out of decent people;"

### **Materials**

- Video [Bing Videos](#)

## **New Mexico Social Studies Standards**

9-12.US.81. Analyze the consequences of World War II, including the conferences of Allied leaders following the war and the development of human rights

1900–1980: Conflict and Self-Determination Expand - Holocaust/Shoah -topics

### **Vocabulary**

Einsatzgruppen  
Einsatzgruppen Reports  
Mass Murder  
Genocide  
Vengeance

Steps to the lesson:

- Watch the 60 Minute program on Ben Frensz.
- After the program - Have students complete a 3,2,1 Form. (3 takeaways, 2 questions and 1 thing they they want to know more about)
- Have students share their takeaways, take questions and let them tell each other what they want to know more about and what questions they had
- Review at the quote “War Makes mass murders out of decent people” Ben Frensz
- Have students write for one minute about their reaction to the quote. Then have students share in a pair share format

**Other resources:**

[Watch Prosecuting Evil | Prime Video \(amazon.com\)](#)

[3-2-1 Teaching Strategy | Facing History & Ourselves](#)

[The Last Living Nuremberg Prosecutor: Ben Ferencz 75 Years Later - YouTube](#)