



# *“I Was Just Following Orders!”*

## *An Acceptable Defense?*

### Part 1 & 2

The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan has developed two online courses through EduPaths, the Michigan Department of Education’s online professional development website. The courses are free and educators can earn SCECH’s for the completion of each course.

#### Course Description

Following World War II, the International Military Tribunal (IMT) convened in Nuremberg, Germany in order to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, charging them with crimes against peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity. Faced with the evidence, many of the defendants pleaded “not guilty” on the grounds that they were “just following orders.”

These two courses will introduce teachers to the history of the superior orders defense and walk them through the HMC’s new Inquiry Design Model unit exploring the compelling question, “I was just following orders! Is this an acceptable defense?”



## To register for the courses, visit [www.edupaths.org](http://www.edupaths.org)

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