



Questions for Discussion

Nuremberg

1. Which was the legal basis of the International Military Tribunal (IMT) in Nuremberg? How was the tribunal composed?
2. Which were the core crimes laid down in the IMT Statute?
3. Why was the inclusion of the crime of aggression so controversial?
4. What was the specific characteristic of crimes against humanity?
5. What are the main statements of the IMT Judgement?
6. How did the Court establish criminal liability for aggressive war?
7. What were the objections raised against the IMT Statute with regard to the principle of *nullum crimen / nullum poena sine lege*? Were these concerns justified?
8. How did the Tribunal reply to the objection of retroactive punishment?
9. Which aims did the Allied Powers want to achieve by establishing the IMT?
10. Instead of nominating judges from the victorious states, could one have thought of other ways to fill the bench?
11. What kind of criticisms were raised against the Nuremberg Judgement? How would you respond to these criticisms?
12. Which are the lasting achievements of the Nuremberg Judgment? Which parts are obsolete today?