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Directions:

Look at the list of six (6) Holocaust authors on the following page. Go to Amazon.com and enter the name of the author and the title of the book.

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Start reading. You are looking for the main topic of the book, how the author is treating the subject and any relevant historic information. After reading the passage, answer the questions on the next page.

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Answer the following questions for each of the six authors/books.

Questions:

1. What is the main purpose of this book?
2. What does the author say about causes of the Holocaust?
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Authors**Books**

Browning, Christopher	<u>The Origins of the Final Solution</u>
Cesarani, David	<u>The Final Solution and the Fate of the Jews, 1933 - 1949</u>
Dawidowicz, Lucy	<u>The War against the Jews</u>
Friedlander, Henry	<u>The Origins of Nazi Genocide: from Euthanasia to the Final Solution</u>
Goldhagen, Daniel	<u>Hitler's Willing Executioners</u>
Kershaw, Ian	<u>Hitler, the Germans and the Final Solution</u>

Type up your findings, by Author/Book, answering all four questions for each author. Bring your typed answers to class when school starts in August. Tentative plans are to cover this sometime during the first week of school, however a specific date will be provided on the first day of class.

Want to know More?

If you want to learn more about the Holocaust, here are five (5) additional authors you can look up at Amazon.com. Do as many as you like, it can be a fascinating subject. Extra Credit is available to students who answer the four questions (see page 1) for any of these additional sources. (note -- type it up with the other Summer Assignment information)

Additional Authors and Books on the Holocaust:

Bauer, Yehuda	<u>A History of the Holocaust</u>
Friedlander, Saul	<u>Nazi Germany and the Jews</u>
Laqueur, Walter	<u>The Terrible Secret: Suppression of the Truth about Hitler's Final Solution.</u>
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