

Glossary for *We Were Not Supposed to Think*

**Penal:** law related to punishment for crimes

**SS:** a Nazi military unit responsible for following through on orders to isolate and murder Jews and other people the Nazis deemed unfit or threatening

**Einsatzgruppen:** units of the Security Police and SS Security Service that followed the German armies into Poland (1939) and the Soviet Union (1941); their charge was to kill all Jews as well as all others considered undesirable by the Nazi state

**Heinrich Himmler:** Nazi leader who was chief of the German police forces and who oversaw the concentration and extermination camps

**Commandant:** commanding officer

**Ideological:** relating to ideas and beliefs