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In terms of _____Adjective_____ development, _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____ young agents to the guidance in rules is an appropriate beginning for ethical sensibility. But rule following is insufficient for full virtue; one can easily follow rules and still act poorly, especially when the nature of _____Adjective_____ experience is consistently changing. _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____ to consider the alternate possibilities and reasons for action leads even an excellent rule _____Noun_____ to error. Whether explicit or implicit, the guiding principles of one's actions could be wrong, and because we are beings capable of acting otherwise, we are responsible for finding the correct aims and acting well in response. Arendt's quintessential "thoughtless" example, _____Proper Noun_____ who offered as justification for his _____Noun - Plural_____, the reasoning that he was simply following orders, is an _____Noun_____ of a particular individual who acts poorly because of his failure to think. Notice that this justification is not only insufficient for excusing Eichmann from responsibility; it is also an indication of his _____Adjective_____ character as an altogether thoughtless _____Noun_____.

I suspect that had _____Noun_____ considered his actions from the perspectives of the people he willingly sent to death, he may have acted _____Adverb_____. Even if he had not acted _____Adverb_____, I _____Verb - Base Form_____ that he at the very least would have been troubled and may have found himself in a dilemma. What is so distressing about Eichmann, and others who are thoughtless, is that they have no idea that there are alternative perspectives to be considered. _____Adjective_____ individuals fail to respond to _____Adjective_____ thinking, and in doing so miss an opportunity for judging. _____Proper Noun_____ considered it his duty to follow the laws of the _____Noun_____,

as well as his necessity to keep his job to serve his family. Even if he did question his _____Proper Noun_____ from the viewpoint of his victims, it is clear that these other considerations were _____Verb - Present ends in ING_____. Eichmann's defense centered upon the claim that he, like so many, was just a "cog" in the _____Adjective_____ machinery of the Reich. The judgment of the court was that regardless of the machinery, _____Proper Noun_____ was still a _____Noun_____ guilty of his crimes. He was still responsible, and he should have known to act otherwise.

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