**TOK-Human Sciences Name:**

Journal #38

Stanford Prison Experiment Clip

**Directions**: Watch the 30 minute program from 1984 on Stanford Prison Experiment. Answer the following questions as you watch and/or after it finishes as some cannot be answered until the end. Be prepared to share your answers with the class.

1. Briefly describe the experiment. What was it designed to study? What was the dependent (or responding) variable? What was the independent (or manipulated) variable?
2. What were the most surprising aspect of the experiment? If you have taken IB Psych, try to remember back to what you found the most surprising OR something new that you learned from this clip.
3. To what extent should the researcher guide the behavior of the participants of an experiment (the guards, the prisoners)? Is it ethical for the researcher to become a participant in the experiment? Justify your answer.
4. The study was put on by Stanford University. What possible impacts does that have on the study, if any? Justify your answer.

Next Steps: Record the student led class discussion on the back of this handout or in your journal under entry #38. Don’t forget to reflect on the discussion when complete.