The Stanford Prison Experiment
Zimbardo et al (1973)

This is an opportunity to find out about a classic experiment in Social Psychology contacted by Philip Zimbardo in 1973. It is also a Key Study for the Conformity area of this unit. Follow the instructions below and as you work through the slide show, read the information and answer the questions.

- Go to **www.prisonexp.org**
- Click on **Begin Slide Show**
- Work through to the **'Arrival'** section

Arrival

What happened to the prisoners when they arrived at the prison?

Guards

What instructions were the guards and prisoners given?

What did the guards wear?

Guards, Rebellion and Grievances

List some of the behaviours exhibited by the guards and the prisoners over the course of the experiment

Guards	Prisoners

Conclusion

Why did Zimbardo end the experiment early?

If you have finished…

What conclusions could you draw about conformity to social roles from this experiment?

How could you evaluate this experiment?