

Path to Nazi Genocide Worksheet: ANSWER KEY

Short answer: Answer the following questions while you watch *Path to Nazi Genocide*.

1. List three ways in which World War I and the Treaty of Versailles led to political instability in Germany.

*1) had to take sole blame for starting the war
2) territory shrunk
3) large reparations
4) Hitler took advantage of the German people's anger and fear
5) postwar economic depression*

2. In his book *Mein Kampf* ["My Struggle"], what goals does Hitler advocate for Germany?

Territorial expansion, a racially pure state, destruction of European Jews

3. How did Adolf Hitler become chancellor of Germany in 1933? How did he become the *Führer* and sole head of government in 1934?

Hitler was appointed as part of a compromise among politicians; the death of President Hindenburg

4. How did the 1935 Nuremberg laws affect German Jews?

Loss of citizenship, forbidden to marry non-Jews

5. Under Nazi racial ideology, what groups were considered racially inferior?

Jews, Slavs, blacks, Roma (gypsies); also those with physical and mental disabilities

6. List three ways the German government tried to isolate and persecute Jews between 1933-1938.

- 1. Jews sent to separate schools*
- 2. Jews kicked out of jobs*
- 3. boycott of Jewish stores*
- 4. loss of citizenship*
- 5. hundreds of antisemitic laws*
- 6. public antisemitism*

7. What factors made it difficult for Jews to emigrate from Germany?

No country wanted them; Nazis deprived Jews of their resources before they left

8. How did German authorities treat the Jewish populations of the occupied eastern territories during World War II?

Ghettos for control, mass shootings, sent to concentration camps/killing centers, forced labor

9. How did American soldiers react to the liberation of concentration camps?

They were shocked and tried to help however they could

10. Why do you think it is important to learn about the Holocaust?

Students write their own responses