

The Rise of Nazism

- SS6H7 The student will explain conflict and change in Europe to the 21st century.
- a. Describe major developments following World War I: the Russian Revolution, the Treaty of Versailles, worldwide depression, and the rise of Nazism

Mini Biography

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orZ4xwuAWFE>

Biography Highlights

- Corporal in WW1
- Germans were open to Hitler because he could help make them a great nation again.
- Started to overthrow the republic of Germany.
- Anti-Semitism was a tool to help him rise to power
- Convincing speaker who motivated Germans
- Invaded Poland, then the Soviet Union, then the USA
- Felt it was his duty to rid the world of Jews
- Got rid of Jews by putting them in concentration camps

WWI's Effect on Germany

- Germany had many **problems** after WWI:
 - Lost lands that contained valuable **natural resources**
 - 2 ½ million Germans died, 4 million were wounded
 - Industry (factories) & farms in the country had been **destroyed**
 - **Highways**, bridges, & **roads** were demolished

Solving Germany's Problems

- Government worked to fix these things, but a major **obstacle** stood in the way...Treaty of **Versailles**.
 - Germany had to pay **reparations** to the **Allied** countries for war damages
 - Millions of dollars were leaving the country for France & Great Britain
 - Also, because Germany was **forbidden** to have a large army or navy, many **military** people lost their jobs
- owed money*

Unemployment Line



**“The great masses of the people will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one.”
- Adolf Hitler**

Germany's Economic Depression

- **Prices** went up as goods became scarce
- Basic items such as food and clothing were not always available
- Men had trouble finding jobs to support their families
- The value of **German money** became extremely inflated

→ value decreased

Value of German Currency, 1914-1923

Date	Number of German Marks to the U.S. Dollar
1914	4.2
1919	14.0
1921	76.7
August 1923	4,620,455.0
November 1923	4,200,000,000,000.0



The deutschmark in 1923 was only good for making kites...

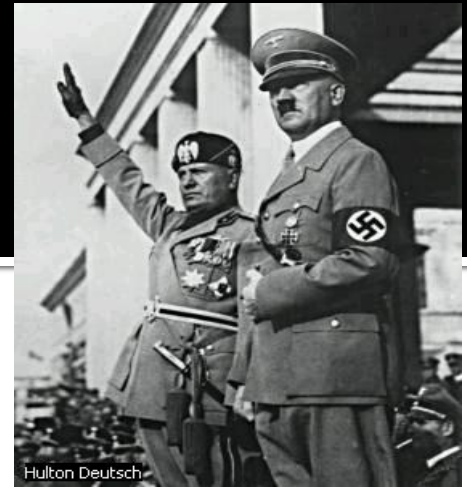


...And for burning in stoves.



Adolf Hitler

- As things got worse, people blamed the **government...** *gov't*
- Adolf Hitler promised to **fix** Germany's problems
 - He blamed the **Treaty of Versailles** for many of the problems
 - Also said that Jews were controlling Germany banks & money
 - Blamed **Jews** for the fact that Germans were not able to make a good living



A Change in Government

- Hitler was named **Chancellor** of Germany in 1933
- He made sure that laws were passed to give him more **power** and set up an **autocratic** government (complete control, dictator)
- Hitler and his followers, called the National Socialists—or **Nazis**, soon had all the power in Germany

→ president

Hitler Becomes Chancellor

“What good luck for rulers that men do not think.”

- Adolf Hitler



Hitler becomes “the fuehrer”!



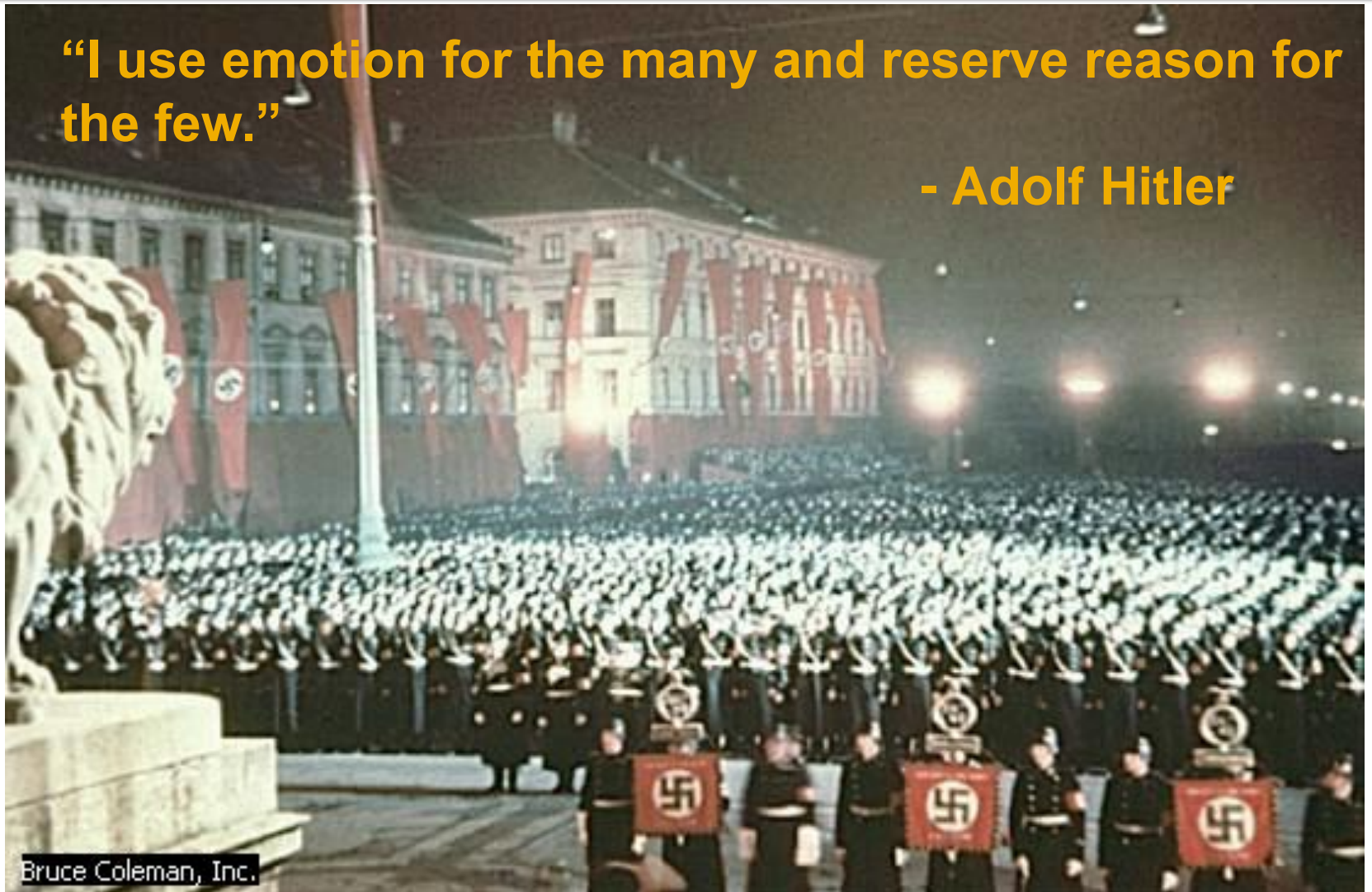
“He alone, who owns the youth,
gains the future.”

- Adolf Hitler

German Socialist Workers Party, the Nazis, a Midnight Parade!

“I use emotion for the many and reserve reason for the few.”

- Adolf Hitler



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<http://military.discovery.com/battles-history/videos/hitler-and-nazis.htm>


Hitler's New Power

- What did the Hitler & the Nazis do?
 - Began to **rebuild** the military
 - Opened factories to build **weapons**
 - Put unemployed people to **work** building a superior highway system
- The economy **improved**, but the people lost many of their civil rights...

Hitler's Actions

- Germans who spoke against the **Nazis** were imprisoned or murdered
- Hitler's military strength grew—he began to make plans to go **to war**
- 1936: Sent troops into **former** German territories
- By 1938: German troops controlled **Austria** & Czechoslovakia

Germany in 1933

 Remilitarized in 1936

Annexed in 1938

Czechoslovakia occupied
March, 1939

Conquered by Germany,
September 1939

Annexed by Soviet Union,
September 1939



Europe Reacts

- Other countries protested, but did **nothing** to stop Hitler
- 1939: Germany invaded **Poland**
 - France & Great Britain decided something had to be done and declared war on Germany
- **World War II** had begun...