

## 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*

**True or False:** Write True or False after watching *Path to Nazi Genocide*

1. Adolf Hitler supported the Treaty of Versailles and believed that the German government was right to try to end World War I.

*[False]*

2. Germany prospered economically prior to the worldwide Great Depression.

*[False]*

3. Adolf Hitler tried to seize control of the German government in 1923, ten years before he became chancellor.  
[ True ]
4. Prior to 1933, Hitler's desire to eliminate European Jews was kept a secret.  
[ False ]
5. Hitler seized control of Germany in a military coup.  
[ False ]
6. The Nazis used propaganda to gain supporters, offering simple solutions and blaming scapegoats for Germany's problems.  
[ True ]
7. The Nazis never received more than 38% of the vote in a national election prior to 1933.  
[ True ]
8. Jews were the first group to be sent to concentration camps.  
[ False ]
9. The Nazis rejected stories of Germany's patriotic history and did not try to reassure average Germans about Hitler's leadership.  
[ False ]
10. German soldiers swore an oath of allegiance to Hitler, not to Germany.  
[ True ]
11. Nazi racial ideology labeled Jews, Slavs, blacks, and Roma [gypsies] as racially inferior.  
[ True ]
12. The *Kristallnacht* attacks in November 1938 were spontaneous and surprised Nazi authorities.  
[ False ]
13. Jews could be released from concentration camps in the late 1930s if they promised to immigrate to another country.  
[ True ]

14. The German invasion of France was very unpopular among the German people.  
[False]
15. German soldiers were trained in Nazi racism.  
[True]
16. Nazi Germany refused to allow local collaborators, like police, to aid in mass murder.  
[False]
17. At least two million Jews were murdered in mass shootings in eastern Europe.  
[True]
18. Many Jews, especially in eastern Europe, were centralized in ghettos, sometimes for years, prior to being deported to forced labor, concentration camps, and killing centers.  
[True]
19. At Auschwitz-Birkenau, all Jews were sent immediately to gas chambers.  
[False]
20. The word “genocide” was created to describe crimes like the Holocaust.  
[True]