

A black and white photograph showing a vast field of soldiers in uniform, seen from behind, looking towards a distant stage. On the stage, three tall, dark poles stand in a row, each topped with a white swastika. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background.

WORLD WAR LOOMS

Hitler's Vision

Hitler's Background

- Childhood: abused by father, wanted to become an artist but rejected from art school.
- Fought in WWI (blames Jews & Communists for Germany's loss)
- Started the German Socialist Workers Party (Nazi Party)
- **Nazism**=German branch of fascism
- Leads a failed revolution; writes ***Mein Kampf*** in jail



Why So Popular?

- Charisma & skillful orator
- Nationalism- built back German pride after being humiliated in World War I



Aryan Racial State



- **The Third Reich**: (or *Third German Empire*) Hitler wants to create an empire that would last 1000 years

The Third Reich

- Reich= empire/realm;
Third German Reich
- Aryan Racial State
- Hitler wants to create an empire that would last 1,000 years



Third Reich: Third German Empire to last

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↳ empire/realm

1000 years; Aryan Racial State.

Racial Hierarchy:



↳ blonde hair; blue eyes.

- Aryans (German/Roman Heritage)

- Anglo-Saxons (British)

- Scandinavians (Finland, Sweden, Denmark)

- Latin (Italians, French, Spanish)

- non-whites (Africans, Asians)

- Slavic (Romanian, Soviet Union, E. Europe)

- Jews: "non-human" (rodents, rats)



Racial Hierarchy



Lebensraum

- Lebensraum= living space
 - wants to create a separate place for Germans to live
- Unify German-speaking people
- Where? Eastern Europe (Slavic States)

Steps Against German Jews

- 1933– **Boycott** of Jewish stores and shops; **fired** all government working Jews.
 - 1935– passed the **Nuremberg Laws**
 - **completely separated**
 - **denied citizenship**
 - **could not marry non-Jews**
- *forced to wear **yellow stars**.
- 1938– **Kristallnacht**- Night of Broken Glass
- *First **physical** action against Jews

