



## the Rise of Fascism

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ is established.

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2. outlaws \_\_\_\_\_ except the Nazi party
3. Reich Ministry of Propaganda created, \_\_\_\_\_ made the head of it
4. universities purged of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ professors and students
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In 1938 how much unemployment was there in Germany? \_\_\_\_%

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In 1936, \_\_\_\_\_ spoke to German industrialists and told them that Germany was on the brink of war...might they please be able to help provide the necessary \_\_\_\_\_?

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Roosevelt (FDR) requests that Germany \_\_\_\_\_.

Hitler makes fun of this request by reading the list in a meeting of the *Reichstag*:

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1. are extremely nationalistic
2. unlike communism, have no clear program or ideals
3. oppose communism violently
4. scorn democracy
5. deny individual rights; the state is supreme
6. suppress freedom of speech and the press
7. encourage militarism
8. use and promote violence and brute force
9. manipulate the population with propaganda
10. appeal to their citizen's lowest human impulses, like racial discrimination
11. once in power, outlaw all political parties but their own
12. gain emergency powers from "Parliament," then never give them up
13. promise world conquest
14. charismatic leader with special nickname and salute

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**The Germans** are bitter because: World War I was blamed solely on Germany,  
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The Conquest of **Living Space (Lebensraum)** in the Eastern European regions was Hitler's next goal. What countries were his targets? (The ones with German minorities)

1. Austria
2. Czechoslovakia
3. Poland
4. Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium

**True/False:** Hitler and Mussolini become closer in the late 1930s. **(drawn together by their isolation from other European leaders.)**

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What was **Kristallnacht**? Pogrom (organized violence) against the Jewish population in Germany; Jewish synagogues were vandalized and their holy writings destroyed, Jewish cemeteries desecrated, Jewish homes terrorized and vandalized.

When did it happen? November 9 & 10 1938

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