

Handout

Hitler's Rise to Power, 1918–1933 Viewing Guide

Directions: As you view the film *Hitler's Rise to Power, 1918–1933*, record notes that help you answer the questions on this handout. Watch for moments where choices made by people other than Hitler contributed to Hitler's and the Nazi Party's eventual rise to power. Put a star by these notes.

1. How did German soldiers who returned from World War I affect the way German politics was conducted?
2. How did the National Socialist German Workers' Party (the Nazi Party) explain Germany's loss in World War I to the public? Who did the party blame for the loss?
3. While in prison for his failed attempt at staging a coup in Munich, Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle), a book in which he shares his idea for how to take control of a people. What is his main idea?

4. What was the Nazis' primary campaign message in the early 1930s? How was it different from what we now know were the Nazis' two primary goals for Germany?

Respond to the following question after viewing the film:

5. What choices did you learn about in this video, made by people other than Hitler, that contributed to the possibility that Hitler and the Nazi Party could eventually rise to power in Germany?