



# The Rise of the Nazis

# World War I (The Great War)



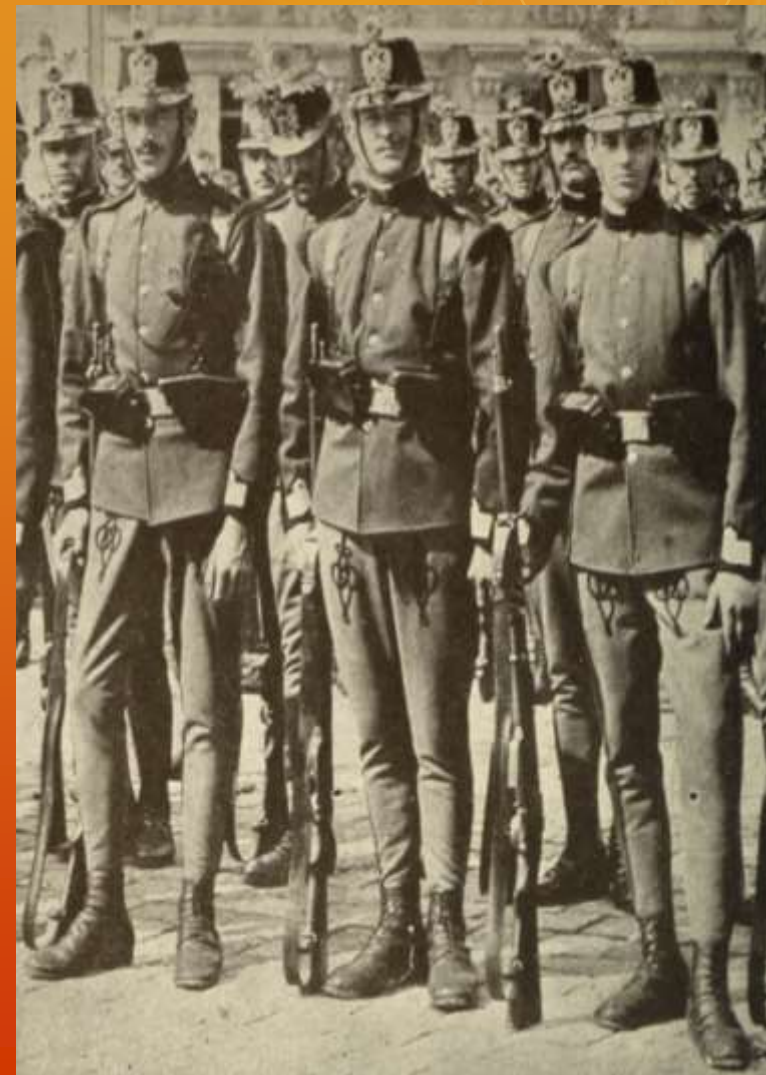
Lets look at World War I to find out how Germany gave rise to the Nazi political unit.

# World War I (The Great War)



The war started due to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne.

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- Franz Ferdinand was assassinated because Serbia was a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and many Serbians wanted freedom.

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- It was expected that the assassination would cause Austria-Hungary to mount a retaliation against Serbia, whereupon Russia would come to Serbia's defense and basically start a full scale war.

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- The assassination itself was committed by a nationalistic group called the **Black Hand Society**.



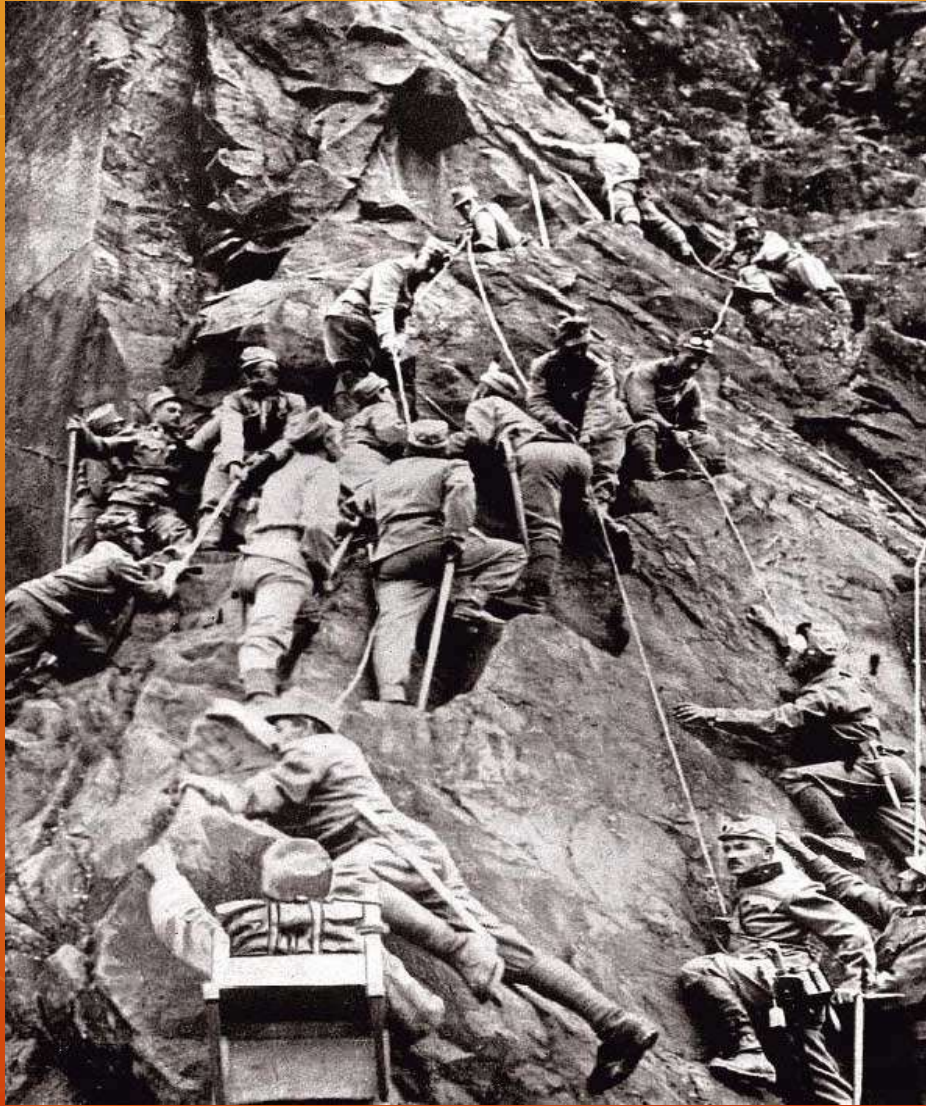
- Ferdinand was riding in his car, touring his newly acquired territory when he was shot and killed by a 19-year-old by the name of **Gavrilo Princip**.

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Within weeks all of the major European powers began forming alliances and prepared for war.

# World War I (The Great War)



The war was between the Allied Powers (Britain, France, Russia and the U.S. for the last year) and the Central Powers ( Germany, Austro-Hungarian Empire and Ottoman Empire)



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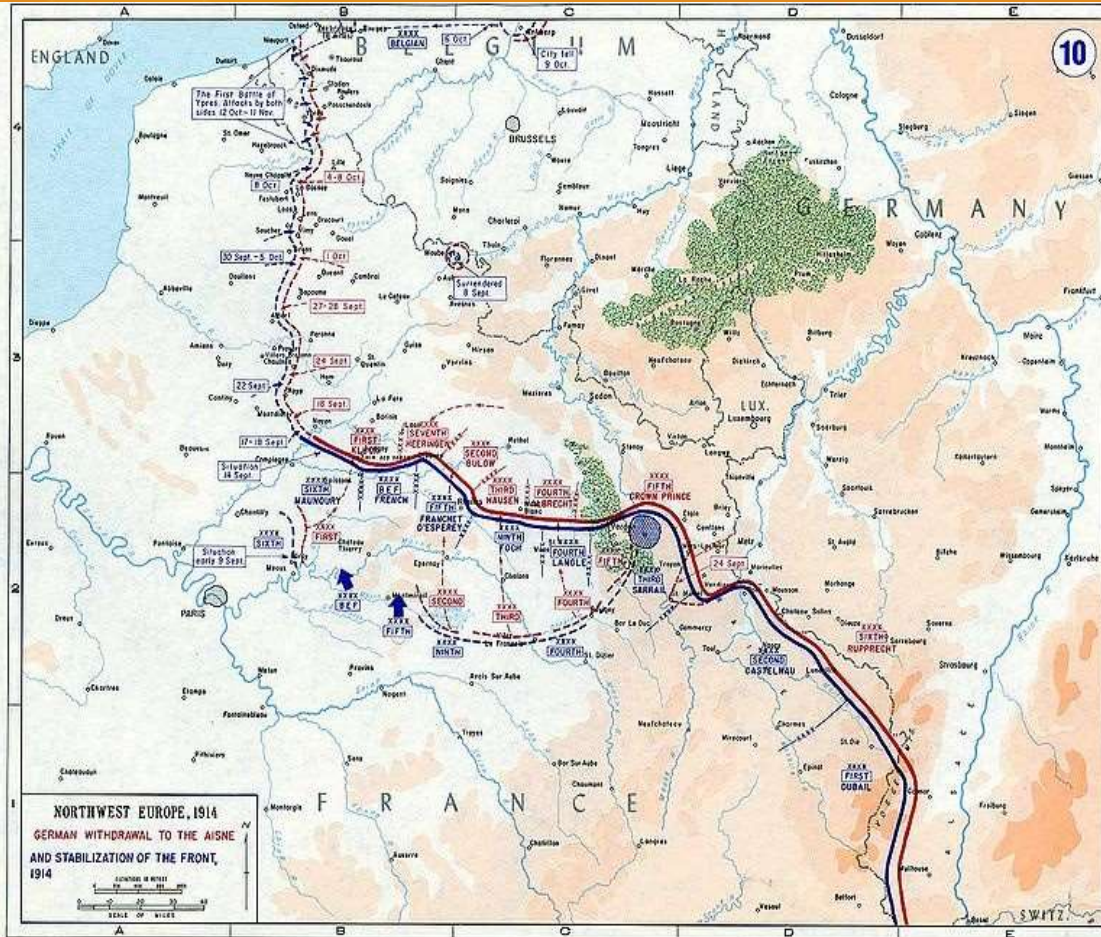
World War I lasted from the years 1914 – 1918



Germany lost WWI, but the war was so bloody and the carnage so great that even the winners suffered as if they lost

# World War I (The Great War)

- World War 1 became infamous for trench warfare, where troops were confined to trenches because of tight defenses.



- This was especially true of the Western Front (France)

# World War I (The Great War)



○ Trench War...

# World War I (The Great War)



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FRENCH TRENCH BARBEN 4468-5

*Le Barbier dans la tranchée*

# World War I (The Great War)



○ Over the top!!!

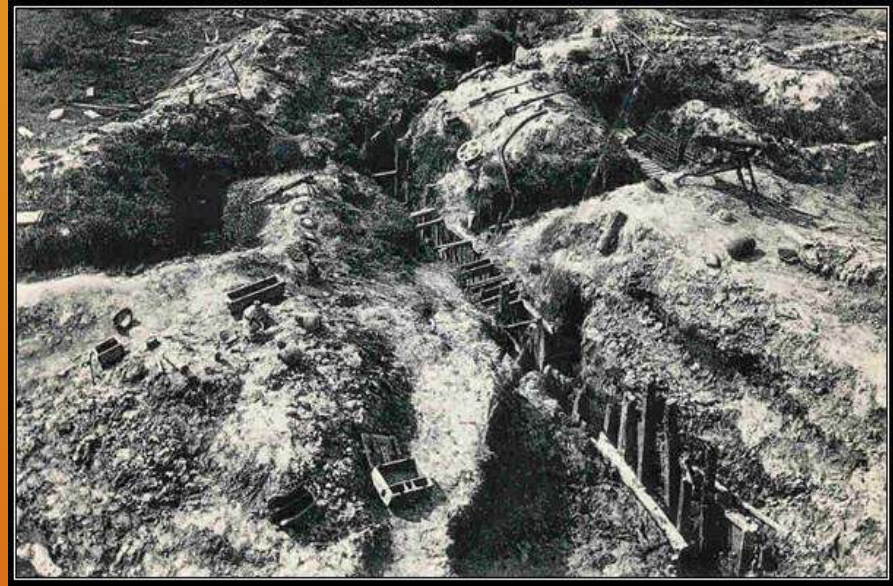


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- More than 9 million died on the battlefield, and nearly that many more on the home fronts because of food shortages, slaughter and ground combat.

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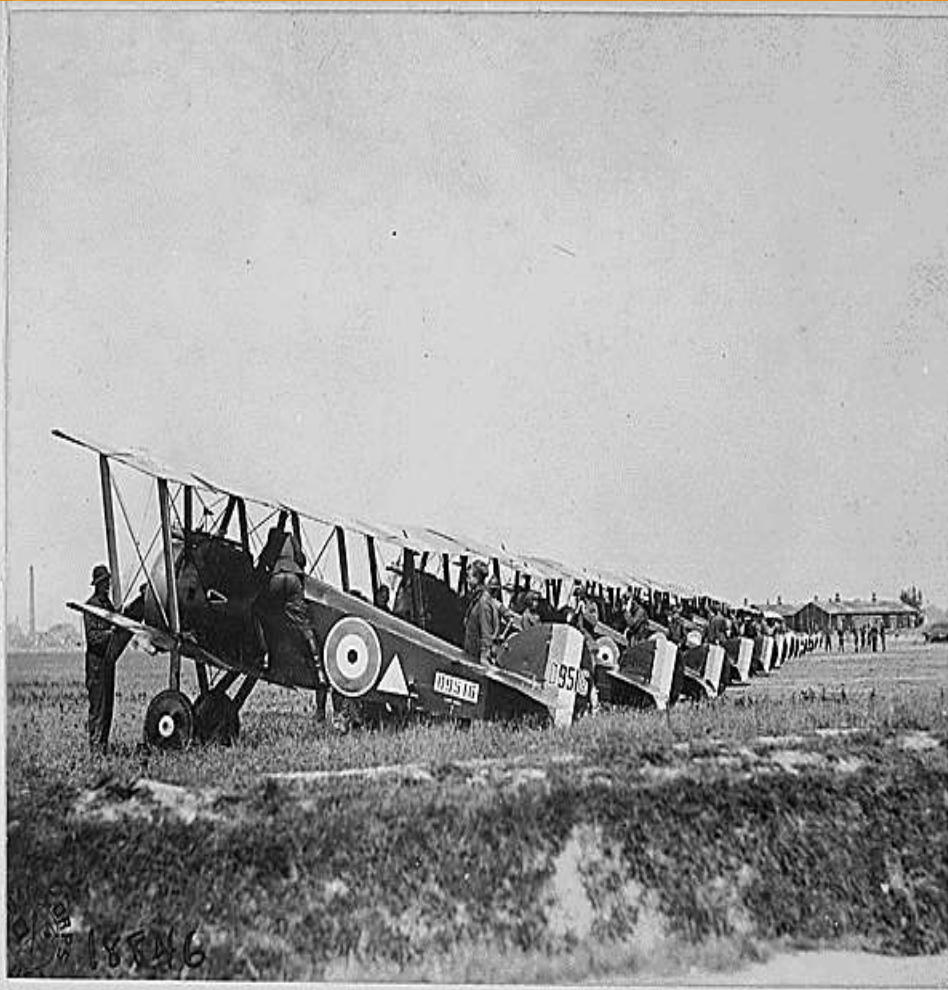
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- The inability to leave the trench resulted in a lack of hygiene, clean socks, and clothing...people would develop trench foot from bacteria...

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- Among other notable events, the first large-scale bombing from the air was undertaken.



- As well as some of the century's first large-scale civilian massacres took place, as one of the aspects of modern efficient, non-chivalrous warfare.

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- Each of the Major countries lost millions of men...in total 9 Million men



- France was the main battle field and suffered unimaginable environmental and physical devastation.

# WWI Past and Present



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- Scars of battle: Picture of a landscape near Verdun, France still shows the pockmarks and craters made in the Great War almost 100 years ago



# WWI Past and Present



- **Historical reality:** French soldiers at Verdun in 1916.

# WWI Past and Present



- World War I observation post in France

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- The Battle was one of the largest battles of the First World War; by the time fighting had stopped the forces involved had suffered more than 1 million casualties, making it one of the bloodiest military operations ever recorded...an aerial view of the Somme battlefield

# WWI Past and Present



- Memorial to the Missing, Somme Battlefields, France

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○ The beach at Helles, Gallipol

# WWI Past and Present



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- **Historic match:** April 25, 1915 where 20,761 British, Australian and Indian soldiers were killed



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- A defense fort near Verdun, France, which saw one million casualties in the Great War

# WWI Past and Present



○ Verdun, France battlefield today

# WWI Past and Present



○ Verdun, France during WWI

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- Underground sanctuary: A chapel found in France

# WWI Past and Present



- The still pockmarked landscape of Beaumont Hamel on the Somme where the Newfoundland Regiment were decimated by German machine guns

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- Farmers are still finding shells and war debris known as the 'Iron harvest'

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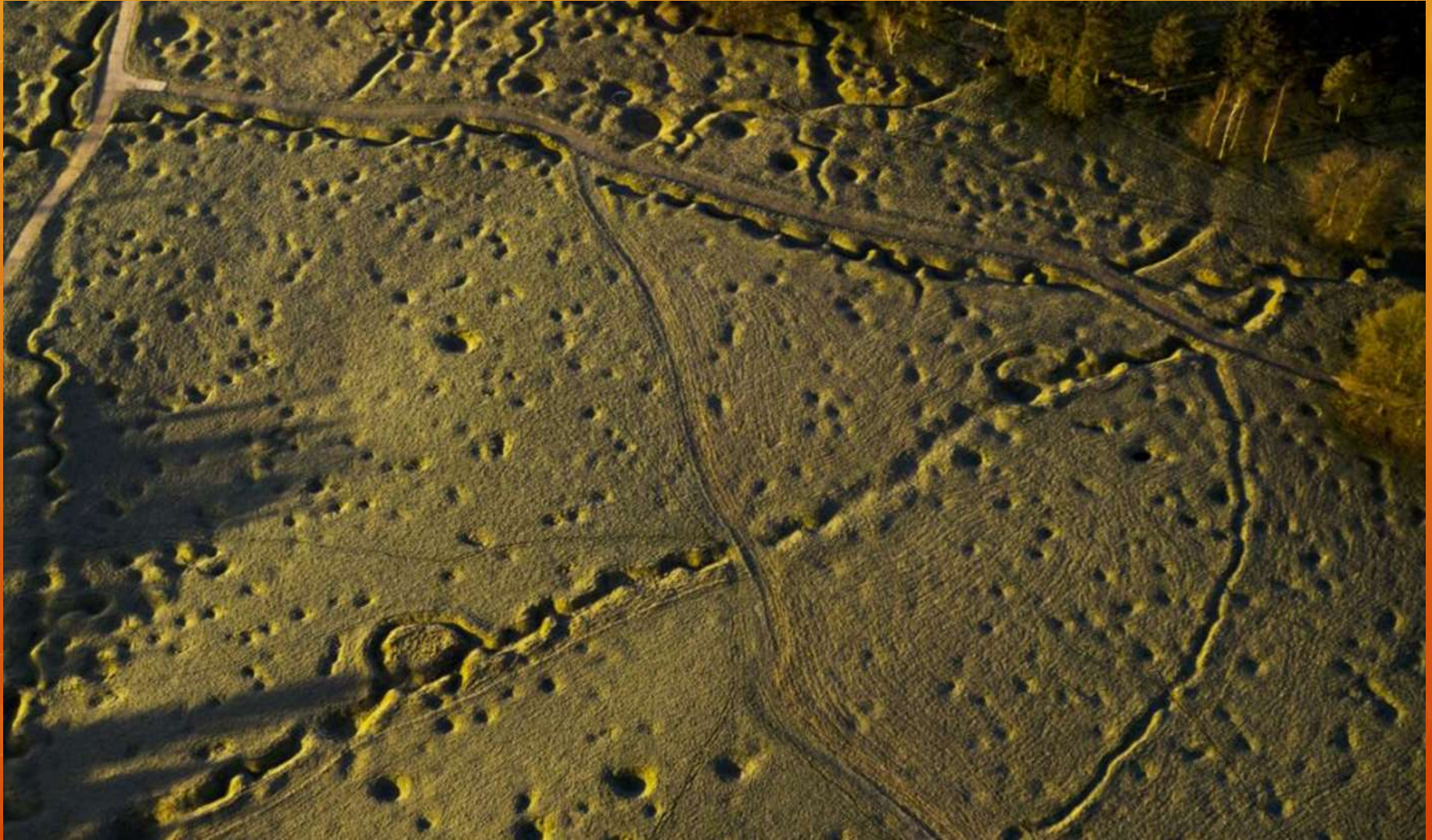
- Grave of French soldier ...this is the only grave left from WWI and still has the soldier's helmet marking the spot he fell in 1917



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○ Aerial bombardment

# WWI Past and Present

When the war was over the major powers( U.S., Britain and France) held a meeting in Versailles France to decide Germany's fate.

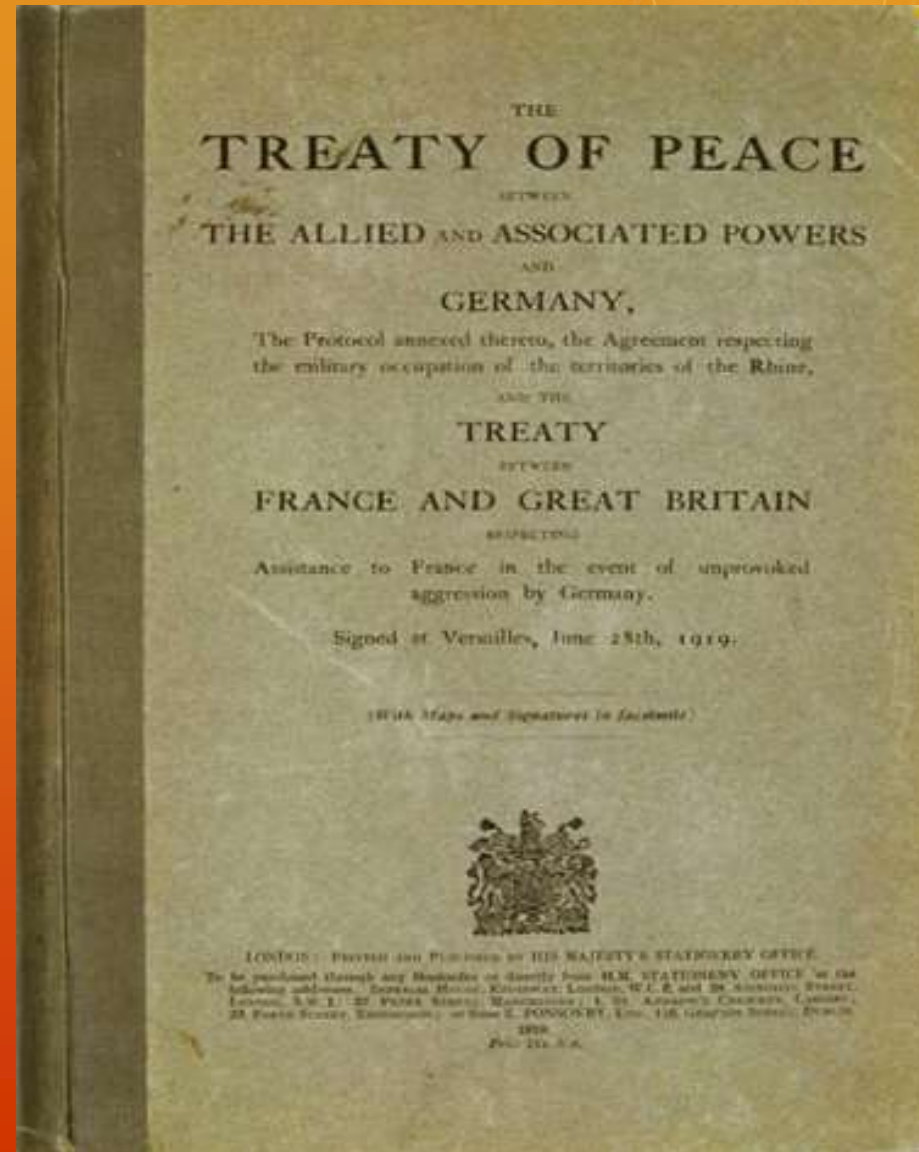


The conditions of the **Treaty of Versailles** were harsh due to fear and punishment over Germany...France wanted revenge on Germany so the **treaty** really was a malicious document.

# Treaty of Versailles

## The Treaty of Versailles stated:

- The German army was restricted to 100,000 men.
  - No tanks or artillery
  - No Air Force
  - Very small Navy
- Germany was required to keep all enlisted men for 12 years and officers for 25 years. (so only a limited number of men would have military training)



# Weimar Republic

To make sure that Germany behaved itself the Treaty stated that the Allies were to create a puppet government for Germany called the **Weimar Republic**.



This was not a true Germany.

# Weimar Republic

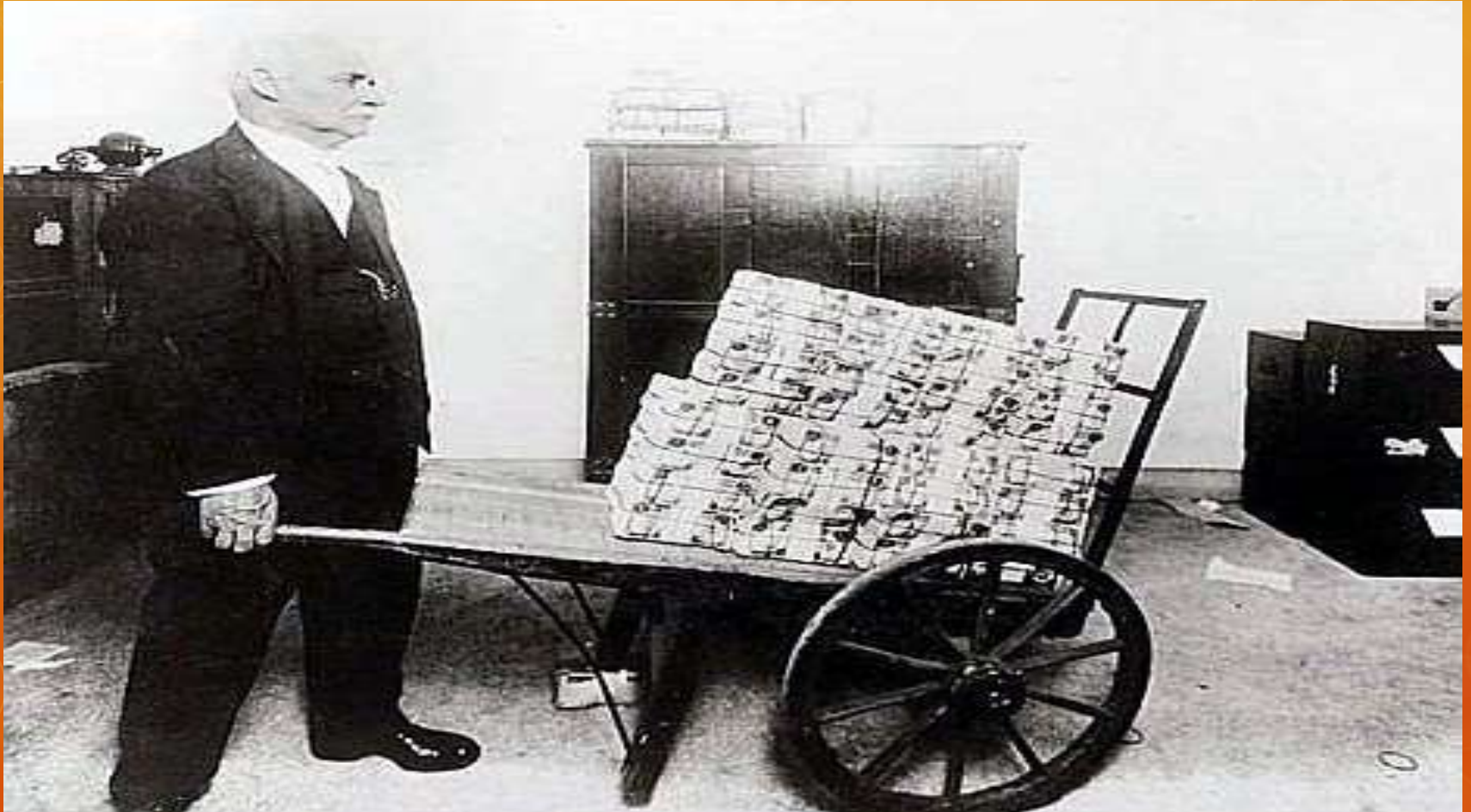
Article 231 of the treaty held Germany solely responsible for all "loss and damage" suffered by the Allies during the war.



This meant that Germany owed 132 billion Marks (dollars) to all allied countries, an astronomical amount of money.

# Weimar Republic

Germany could not pay the wild amount of money required, they soon began printing money to offset this problem.



Money is a substitute for gold, for that reason it is called soft currency...money is supposed to be backed by gold which is called hard currency...instead of having to carry around a pocket full of gold to purchase things with you carry the paper money.

# Weimar Republic

- The reason the government can't just print a bunch of money is because they have to have the gold to back the money up.

If you have 1 oz. of gold and you have the exchange rate set up at \$35.00 for 1oz. of gold. That means each time you spend \$35.00 what you are really doing is spending 1 oz. of gold.

Now if the government decides to print up a whole bunch of money but still only has just that 1 oz. of gold, then all that money is going to worth just 1 oz. of gold.





# Weimar Republic

This did not solve the problem ...

The country soon fell into a complete economic depression.

It became cheaper to burn money, than to actually purchase firewood.



# Weimar Republic



# Weimar Republic



- Germany was angry and in trouble, a new revived brotherhood who desired revenge against the allied nations was festering ...

# Rise of the Nazis

- A political group emerged out of the **Weimar Republic** during this time known as the **Nazis**



**Nazi** = National Socialist German Workers Party

# Rise of the Nazis

- Under the leadership of Adolf Hitler the Nazis campaigned on issues that touched the very heart of every German person.
- They wanted to make Germany a Super Power once again.



# Rise of the Nazis

Hitler's speeches and brilliance in front of crowds convinced the entire country that he was the only one who could save Germany.



People were blinded by his propaganda that they ignored that fact that he was openly Ant-Semitic .

# Rise of the Nazis

Germany was mesmerized by Adolph Hitler



He convinced Germany that the majority of Germany's problems were to be blamed on the Jewish population.

# Rise of the Nazis

According to Hitler Germany's defeat in World War I and the economic hardships were all part of the great Jewish conspiracy to take over the world.



The German people loved Hitler and were willing to follow him wherever he might lead, whatever the consequences as long as he made Germany great once more...



# Rise of the Nazis

The **Nazi Party** or **National Socialist German Workers Party** took root in the chaos created by the Weimar Republic



Beginnings of the Nazi party in 1930

# Rise of the Nazis

The Nazi Political Party thrived on feelings of national pride, hatred and frustration.

These feelings ultimately helped to unite Germany.

(election poster for the 1930 German election)

**Wir fordern**  
**Freiheit und Brot**

**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...  
**Wir fordern** ...

**Deutsches Volk von Wien!**  
Zwölf Jahre im Reich ...  
Tausende haben sich in Deutschland ...

**Daher wählet die**  
**Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei**  
**(Hitlerbewegung)**

**unser am 9. November der Sieg!**

**Leset** ... **50 g.**

# Rise of the Nazis

All of the Nazi parties beliefs came from Adolph Hitler's best selling book ***Mein Kampf*** (*My Struggle*)

The book that was based on Adolf Hitler beliefs and his goals for Germany.

He stated that non-Arains "races", such as Jews, Slavs, and Gypsies were inferior.



# Rise of the Nazis

He also said the Versailles treaty was an outrage and vowed to regain German lands.

Mein Kampf became the ultimate source of all Nazi teaching

When Hitler gained control over Germany all citizens had, by law, to possess a copy of the book

**ADOLF HITLER**



**MEIN KAMPF**

Das grundlegendste Werk  
des Nationalsozialismus

Ausgabe in zwei Bänden kartoniert je RM. **2.85**

Sein Lebensschicksal und die Folgerungen, die er daraus zog, hat Hitler in den beiden Bänden „Mein Kampf“ niedergelegt. Nur wer sie gelesen hat, wird ihn und seine Bewegung ganz zu verstehen vermögen. Denn das Schicksal des Menschen Hitler ist der Schlüssel zum Volk Hitler — zum Volk Hitler, dessen Überzeugungen nicht am grünen Tisch, sondern mitten im Leben wuchsen.

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# Rise of the Nazis

Hitler developed his theories after living as a homeless painter in Vienna, Austria.



Hitler believed that great nations grow from military power.

# Rise of the Nazis

After WWI many Germans strived to create a bigger, better Germany.



Some believed that the use of military force was needed to achieve it.

# Rise of the Nazis

Hitler's theory also claimed that the **Aryan race** is a master race, superior to all other races.



A nation is the highest creation of race.

(Hitler would go through German ancestry records to insure racial purity)

# Rise of the Nazis

Hitler believed that strong nations grew from powerful citizens.



These citizens had "natural" good health and intelligence all of which were courageous traits.(Hitler Youth)



# Rise of the Nazis

The Nazi Party's youth element was formed in 1922 and remained in existence until 1945 as a recruiting and training tool designed to produce future party leadership.



Some considered it to be simply a form of Boy Scout group however it provided an ideological foundation that went beyond good sportsmanship and recreation.



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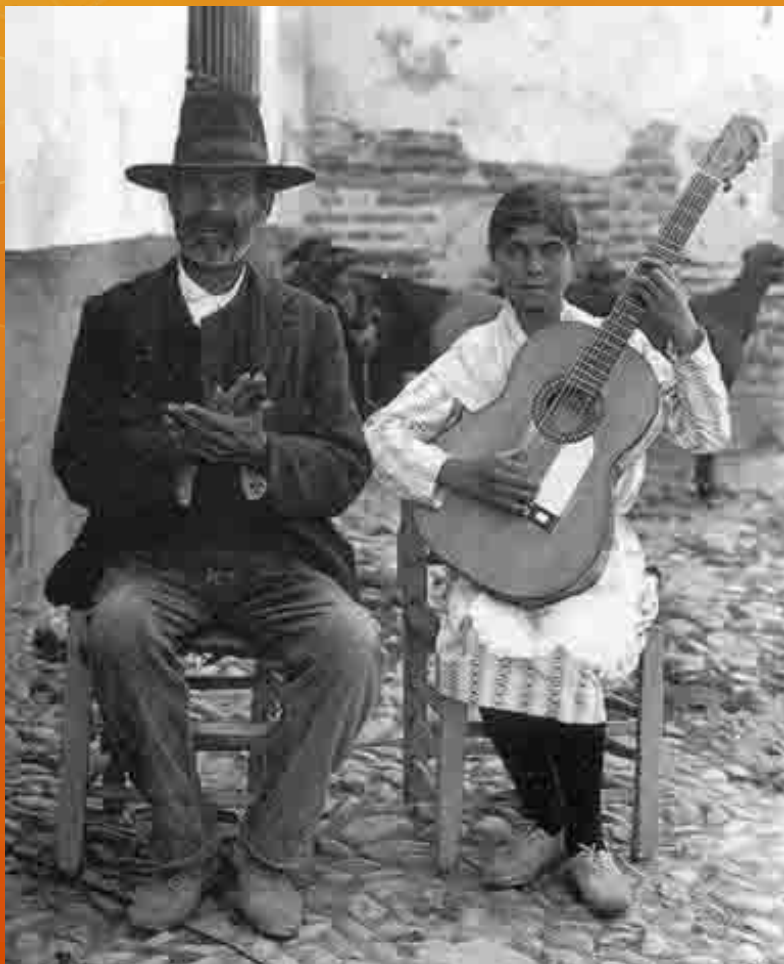
Hitler believed that undeveloped nations were impure, weak, mongrel races that developed from feeble cultures and races.



These people were seen as "subhuman" or animals

# Rise of the Nazis

Jews, Gypsies (religion that travels), homosexuals and disabled people where all viewed as inferior people.



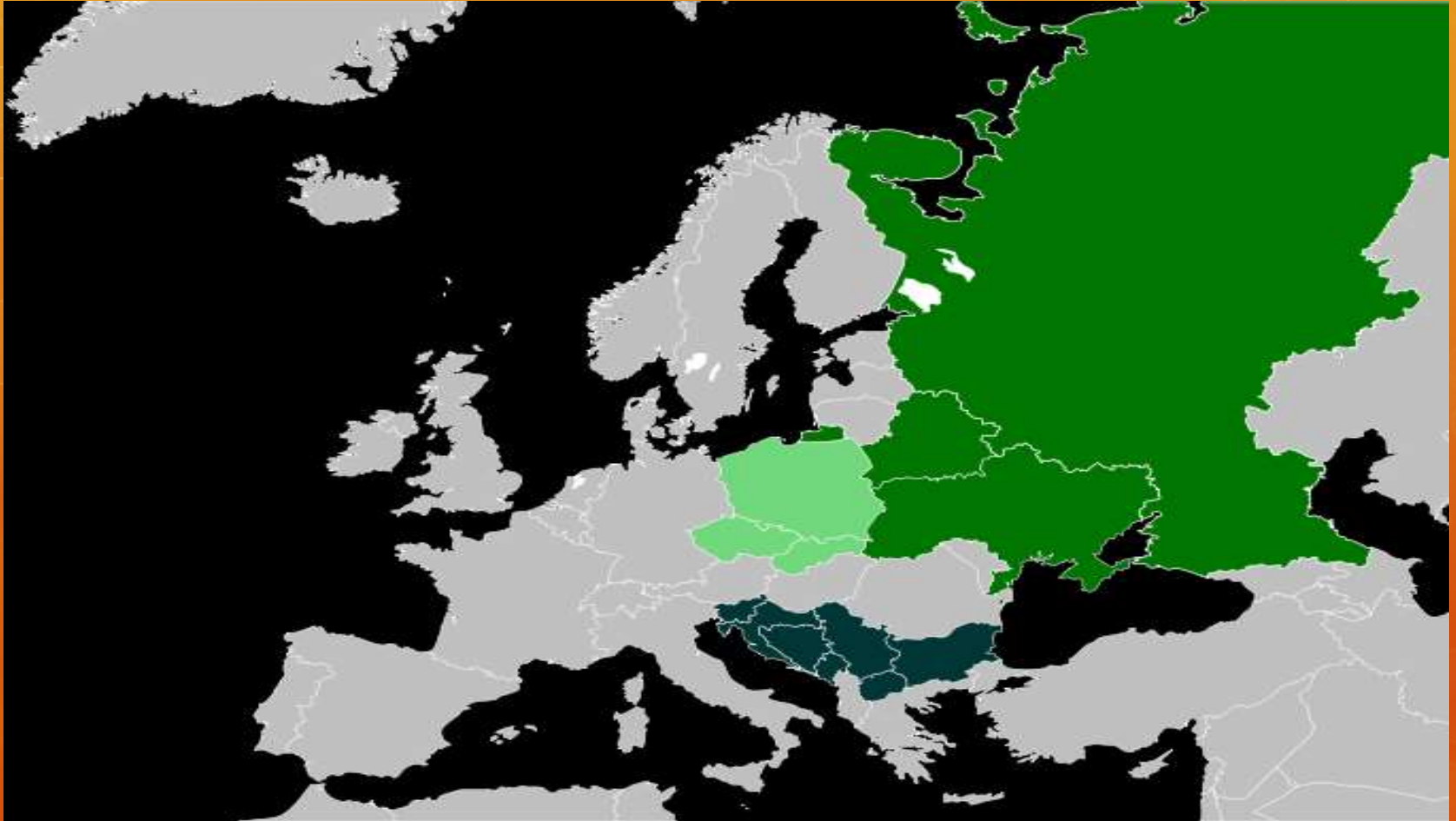
*Kenntzeichen für Schutzhäftlinge  
in den Konzentrations Lagern*

	Politisch	Berufs- verbrecher	Emigrant	Büroforischer	Homo- sexuell	Arbeitssohu Reich	Arbeitssohu
Grundfarben	Red triangle	Green triangle	Blue triangle	Purple triangle	Orange triangle	Black triangle	Black triangle
Abzeichen für Rückfällige	Red triangle with horizontal bar	Green triangle with horizontal bar	Blue triangle with horizontal bar	Purple triangle with horizontal bar	Orange triangle with horizontal bar	Black triangle with horizontal bar	Black triangle with horizontal bar
Strafkomp	Red triangle with circle	Green triangle with circle	Blue triangle with circle	Purple triangle with circle	Orange triangle with circle	Black triangle with circle	Black triangle with circle
Juden	Yellow Star of David	Green Star of David	Blue Star of David	Purple Star of David	Orange Star of David	Black Star of David	Black Star of David
	Yellow Star of David with horizontal bar	Yellow Star of David	Red circle	Red circle with horizontal bar			
	Jüdischer Rassenschänder		Fluchtverdächtiger				1a Häftling
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		Red triangle with 'T' in a triangle					
		Sonder-Aktion Wehrmacht					
		Pole					
		Tscheche					

People of **Slavic** decent were also known as "subhuman"

# Rise of the Nazis

**Slavic People** were people who lived in eastern Europe and Russia



Many Slavic people lived in Germany and Austria, which Hitler saw as an ethnic invasion of Germany.

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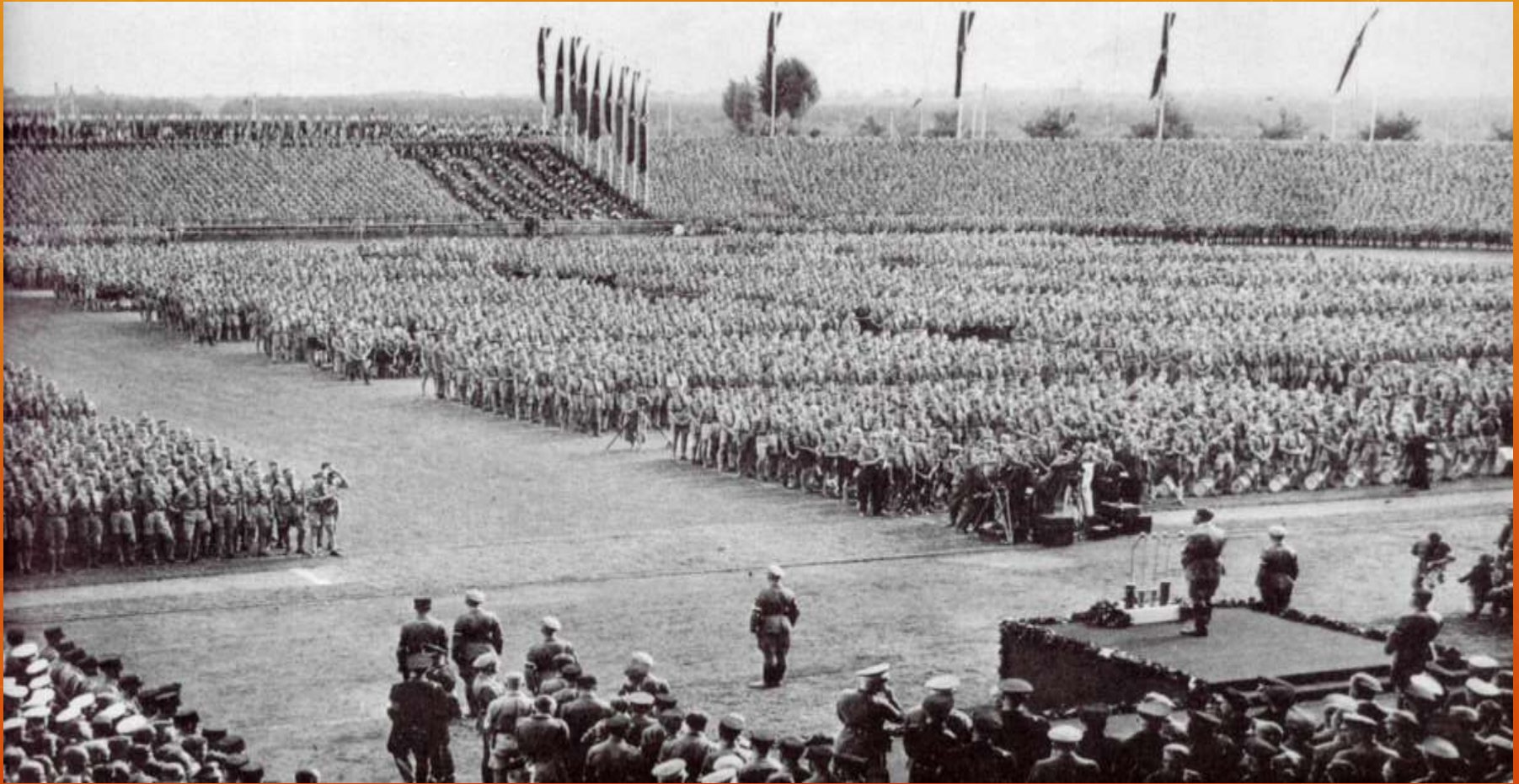
Part of the problem was that after World War I Germany was also broken up into a much smaller country.



The southern half of Germany was broken up into smaller countries like Austria and Switzerland

# Rise of the Nazis

The Nazis goal was to unify all of the German speaking countries that had been "unjustly" divided into different countries after the "Treaty of Versailles".



Hitler claimed that since these smaller countries could not defend themselves they did not deserve to be separated from Germany.

# Rise of the Nazis

Hitler also believed that German people were the master race and they were entitled to more space.

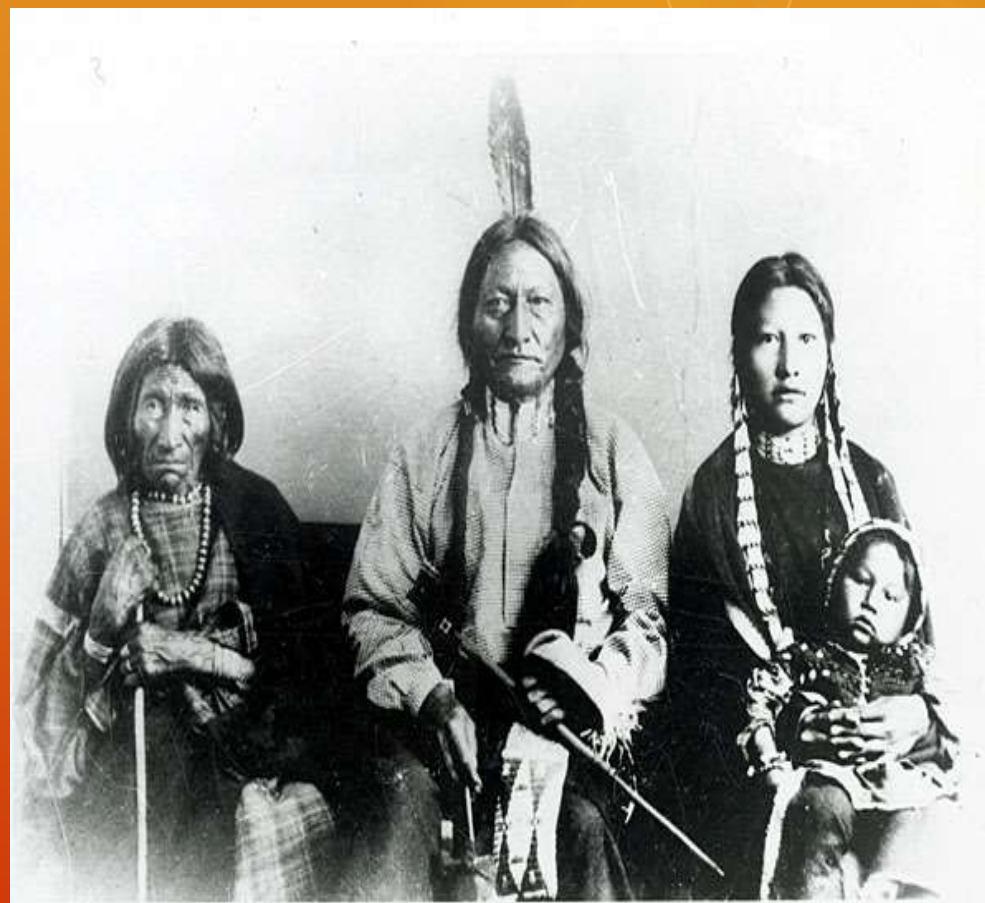


If Germany required more (**Lebensraum**) or "living space", he thought they had the right to displace the inferior people already living there.



# Rise of the Nazis

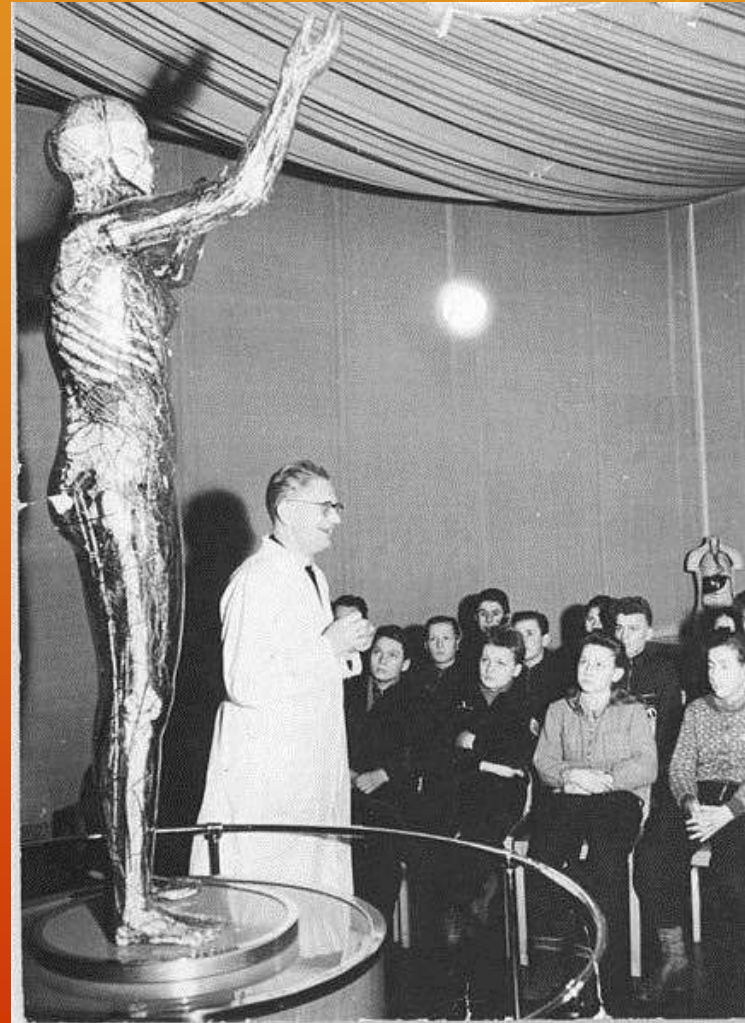
Hitler compared **Lebensraum** to the American cleansing and relocation policies towards the Native Americans.



He saw this as Americas key to success and admired the United States for its destruction of the Native American culture.

# Rise of the Nazis

- To be "**Great**" nations must be racially pure (Eugenics)



- Jews and Slavs are racially inferior to Germanic, Aryan people...as stated in ***Mien Kampf***

# Rise of the Nazis

- Only the fittest survive, it is natural to destroy people and nations that are too weak to defend themselves.



- Countries are weak when they have diverse populations

# Rise of the Nazis

- War is the means to greatness, a strong military is the key to a great and powerful nation.



- Lebensraum or "Living Space" is the right to those strong enough to take it by force.

# Rise of the Nazis



- Anyone who is disabled is a genetic weakling and must be exterminated to prevent the waste of resources needed to keep them alive

# Rise of the Nazis



Remember that the basis of Nazism is the belief of racial purity and that an overwhelming military power is needed to defend that purity from **subhuman infection** (Jews...)