

Nazi Propaganda: Read like a Historian Activity

Must-Know Vocabulary:

What is the definition of ANNEXATION?

Document A – Hitler’s Speech

- (1) When was this speech delivered? _____
- (2) What is the purpose of the speech?
- (3) What did Hitler mean when he said, “I wish to thank Him who allowed me to return to my homeland so that I could return it to my German Reich!”?
- (4) What are TWO reasons Hitler gave for Germans to vote in favor of annexation?
- (5) What specific phrases are designed to convince a potential voter to vote yes on April 10, 1938?

Document B – Propaganda Poster

- (1) Why was this document created?
- (2) When did Germans vote on annexing Austria? _____
When did German troops move into Austria? _____
- (3) What specific details of the image do you think were intended to convince voters to vote yes on April 10, 1938?
- (4) What images in this poster relate to Hitler’s speech?



Document C – German Ballot

(1) How many questions did the ballot ask voters to vote on?

(2) Why do you think the circle for “YES” was bigger than the circle for “NO”?

(3) What specific details of the ballot helped to influence the voters’ choice?

Response Paragraph

How did the Nazi Party convince 99% of Germans and Austrians to support the annexation of Austria? (use evidence from all THREE documents in your response) – Minimum of 5 sentences.
