



Nazi Propaganda (10.7.3)

Background:

After World War I, under the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was limited to a very small army, and was forbidden from uniting with Austria. Many Germans were angry about these terms of the Versailles Treaty. After becoming Chancellor of Germany in 1933, Adolf Hitler began to challenge the Versailles Treaty. In March of 1938, German troops were sent into Austria in order to annex and unite the two countries under Nazi rule. In April of 1938, Germans and Austrians were given the opportunity to ratify the annexation in a public vote.

Prompt:

How did the Nazi party convince 99% of Germans to vote in favor of the annexation of Austria?

Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least four pieces of evidence from the documents, background reading, and research on the uses of Nazi propaganda.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.