

World War Two

ACTIVITIES PACKAGE: *GERMANS AGAINST GERMANS*



LEARNING GOALS:

- ▶ To learn about senior Nazi figures who aided Hitler.
- ▶ To learn about Germans who stood up against Hitler.
- ▶ To understand the end events of the war.



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A C T I V I T I E S P A C K A G E : G E R M A N S A G A I N S T G E R M A N S


Many German minds were manipulated by the German propaganda machine. Hitler did not act alone; there were many who made the choice to follow the Nazi movement. However, there were also Germans who went against the message of Hitler despite the consequences. This activity will profile some of those key figures who supported Hitler and also some key figures who opposed him.


Activity 1: Supporters

Using the internet, complete each of the tasks listed below.

1. There were a select few individuals in Hitler's inner circle. These members were truly committed to Nazi ideals and the crimes they committed were appalling. Research each to these individuals and fill in the required information for each. You may divide up the task of researching each of the individuals with other class members.



<h3>Albert Speer</h3>	
	
Born (location): _____	
Born (date): _____ Died: _____	
Position within the Nazi Government	
Crimes Committed	
Did he receive justice or did he escape? Explain.	
Interesting Fact	

<h3>Heinrich Himmler</h3>	
	
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Adolf Eichmann

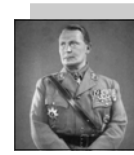


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Hermann Goering



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Joseph Goebbels



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Interesting Fact	

Joseph Mengele



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Activity 2: Opponents

Using the internet, complete each of the tasks listed below.

The majority of Germans supported Hitler in his quest for world domination. However, there were Germans who opposed Hitler and his message. This activity will require you to research several individuals and groups who stood up against Hitler despite the risks to their lives.

- Surprisingly, most of the clergy of the German Church (Lutheran) supported Hitler, or at least were afraid to stand up to him. There were, however, some German ministers who refused to support Hitler. These ministers helped start a new church called, "The Confessing Church." Two important members in this movement were Martin Niemoller and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Your task will be to research both of these individuals and fill in the required information below.

Martin Niemoller



Born (location): _____

Born (date): _____ Died: _____

What was his life like before the war?	
How did he oppose Hitler? Explain.	
What were the consequences he experienced for opposing Hitler?	

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Born (location): _____

Born (date): _____ Died: _____

What was his life like before the war?	
How did he oppose Hitler? Explain.	
What were the consequences he experienced for opposing Hitler?	

- What were some questions these men would likely have considered when they chose to oppose Hitler? Example: "Will they harm my family if I am caught"?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

“And I Said Nothing”

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a socialist

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I didn't speak out—Because I was not a Trade Unionist

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Martin Niemoller

3. What is the main message of Niemoller's poem?

4. How does this message apply to your life today?

5. The “White Rose” was a group of German students who opposed Hitler during the war. What were their reasons for opposing Hitler?

6. In the flow chart below communicate the story of the “White Rose.”

