

Unit Title: Nazi Germany 1933-1941: The Pre-War and Early War Years

Essential Questions for the Unit:

1. What conditions are necessary for governments to successfully carry out the isolation and persecution of a targeted minority?
2. How can a government be oppressive and popular at the same time?
3. Why do people often become bystanders who allow neighbors and friends to be persecuted?
4. How does war affect the capacity of societies to uphold human rights standards and other values of civilization?
5. Why do powerful countries often fail to intervene in the affairs of persecuting nations in order to stop and/or prevent human rights abuses?