

Unit Title: **Before the Holocaust: Jewish Life in Europe and the Rise of Nazism in Germany**

Common Misperceptions:

Some students may believe that:

1. Jews were recent arrivals in Germany and were not well-integrated into the community.
2. Jews did not see themselves as members of the nations in which they lived.
3. Jews constituted a sizeable minority population in Germany.
4. Jews are a separate race.
5. Jews are a monolithic group with little inter-group diversity regarding religious, political, social, economic, and cultural ideas and practices.
6. Jews experienced no periods of peace or prosperity within German or European history.
7. All (non-Jewish) Germans enthusiastically embraced Hitler and the Nazis.
8. Few Germans willingly supported Hitler and went along mainly out of fear.