



ANSWERS

1. The Holocaust was a period of time during World War II when Adolf Hitler, the leader of Germany and the head of the Nazi party, murdered approximately seventeen million people. Hitler and the Nazis targeted Jewish people, Polish people, Catholics, Serbs, and the handicapped, including children.
2. Hitler blamed the Jewish people for Germany losing World War I. He also believed in the superiority of the Aryan race, a term used to describe people of Indo-European ancestry.
3. Hitler wanted to use the principles of genetic inheritance described by Darwin to create a "superior" race of people. In his book *Mein Kampf* (*My Fight*), Hitler said that when he became ruler of Germany, he would get rid of all the Jewish people, along with everyone else who he thought was inferior or damaged in any way.
4. Hitler began to carry out his plans when he became Chancellor of German. He passed laws taking away the rights of the Jewish people.
5. On November 9th, 1938, he organized a mass attack on the homes and businesses of Jewish people, many of which were vandalized or set on fire. This was known as the "Night of Broken Glass," or Kristallnacht.