

On April 28, 1939, Hitler gave an important speech in which he outlined his and the Nazi government's accomplishments. They were impressive and give us an insight into why, perhaps, so many Germans were now proud to be Germans and why they were willing to support Hitler and the Nazis.

The speech refers to the years since Hitler and the Nazis took over power on January 30, 1933 up to the spring of 1939. After reading the following excerpt from the speech, can you think of certain legal measures and specific events having taken place in Germany which are not mentioned but which would not be considered "accomplishments" by all Germans and by many people outside of Germany. You should be able to come up with at least five facts.

Hitler also mentions that his accomplishments were achieved without "bloodshed." How could you argue against this point? You should also consider when the speech was made and when World War 11 began.

I have overcome the chaos in Germany and reestablished order. I have raised the levels of production in all areas of our national economy....I have succeeded in finding gainful employment for the 6 million unemployed whose lives have affected us all.....Not only have I politically united the German people, but I have also rearmed our country. I have attempted to destroy page by page the 448 articles of the Versailles Peace Treaty—the vilest rape ever experienced by a nation. I have returned to the Reich the provinces which were stolen from us in 1919. I have led millions of people who were torn from us back to the homeland. The thousand year unity of German living space (*Lebensraum*) has been restored. And I have made every effort to do this without bloodshed, without bringing the horror of war to our people and to any fellow-nation.