

Review Questions for Chapter 6

1. Historically, why were the Jews targeted in Europe? How were they viewed? Were the threats to Jews constant throughout Europe? Why?
2. How did the *Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei* (National Socialist German Workers' Party – aka NSDAP – aka the *Nazis*) come to power?
3. Once in power, Hitler was given an incredibly important tool by the *Reichstag* (Germany's version of England's House of Commons) called the Enabling Act of 1933. Using the internet (you must cite your source) to find these answers, explain: What was the Enabling Act? How did it upend the existing constitutional system in Germany? How could Hitler use it to, as referenced in your text, "terrorize and neutralize all effective political opposition"?
4. What were the Nuremberg Laws of 1935? How did these laws reflect the *Volkish*-Racist attitudes of the 19th Century as discussed in class?
5. Similar to the attacks on the Armenians in Sassun in 1894 and in Trebizond in 1895, *Kristallnacht* was a "proto-genocidal assault"? What was it? What was the outcome? What was the response by Western nations?
6. According to the work done by Robert Gellately and David Bankier, "two broad conclusions may be drawn" about the "Nazis' evolving relationship with the German public." What are these conclusions? [NOTE: the first is blatantly obvious. Finding the second requires careful reading of the section.]
7. What was *ghettoization*? Logistically speaking, why did Nazi policy shift from *ghettoization* to extermination?
8. What were the *Einsatzgruppen*? What role did they play in the transformation?
9. What was the *Wehrmacht*? What role did it play in Holocaust?
10. Why was the industrialized "death camp" system developed? How did it operate? Was it efficient? How so?
11. Dr. Jones alludes to a recent scholarly debate over "why" the Jewish Holocaust occurred? What is the position of the "Intentionalists"? What is the position of the "functionalists"? Which one do you believe is closer to the truth?
12. Did the Jews actually go "meekly to their deaths"?
13. Did the world know about the Holocaust prior to the collapse of the Third Reich? Could the Jews have been saved?
14. According to Dr. Jones, was the Jewish Holocaust "uniquely unique"? Is so, how? If not, why?
15. In Box 6A, Dr. Jones briefly discusses the "Other Victims" of the Nazis. Pick one of the groups discuss why the group was targeted.