



Nazi persecution of Jews

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- Some of the following images might be upsetting as well as the content of today's lesson









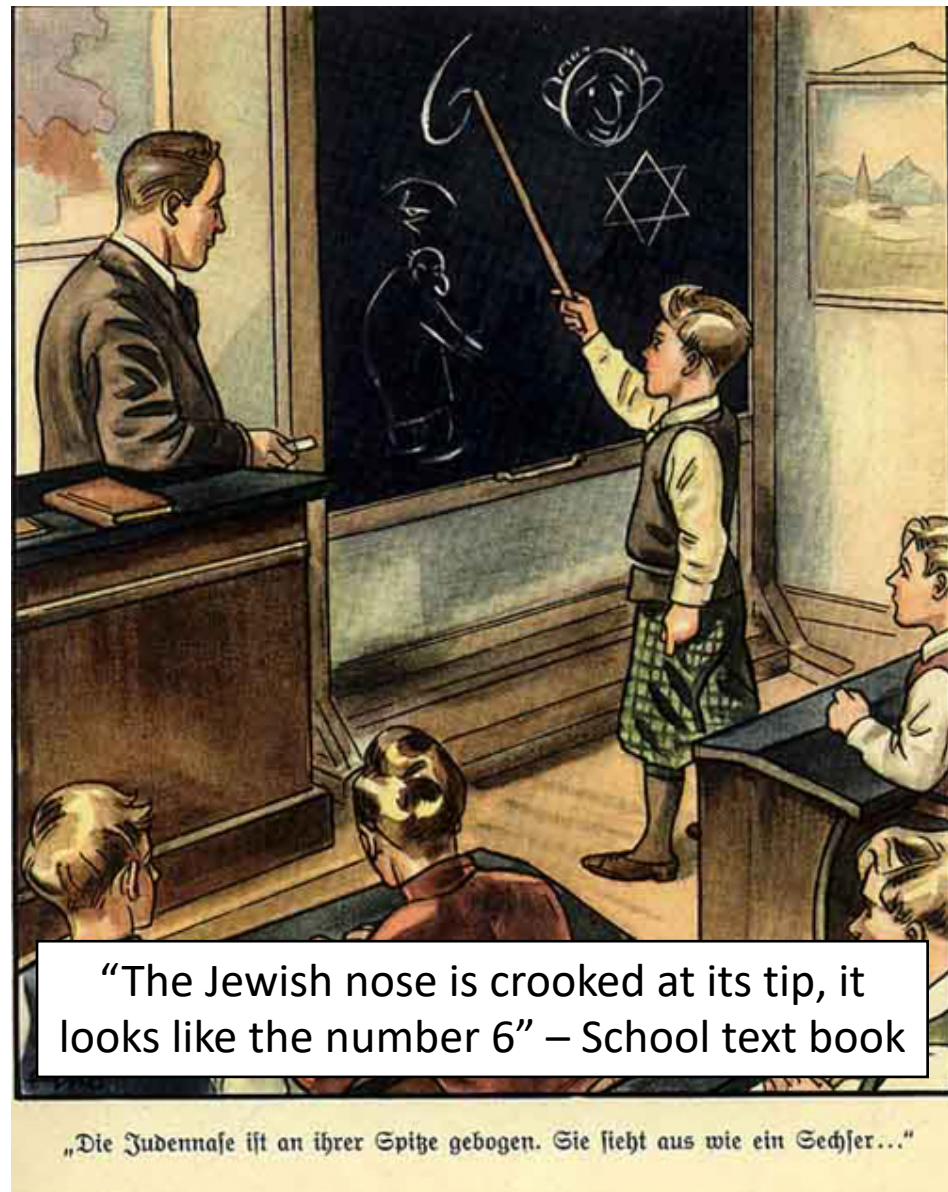
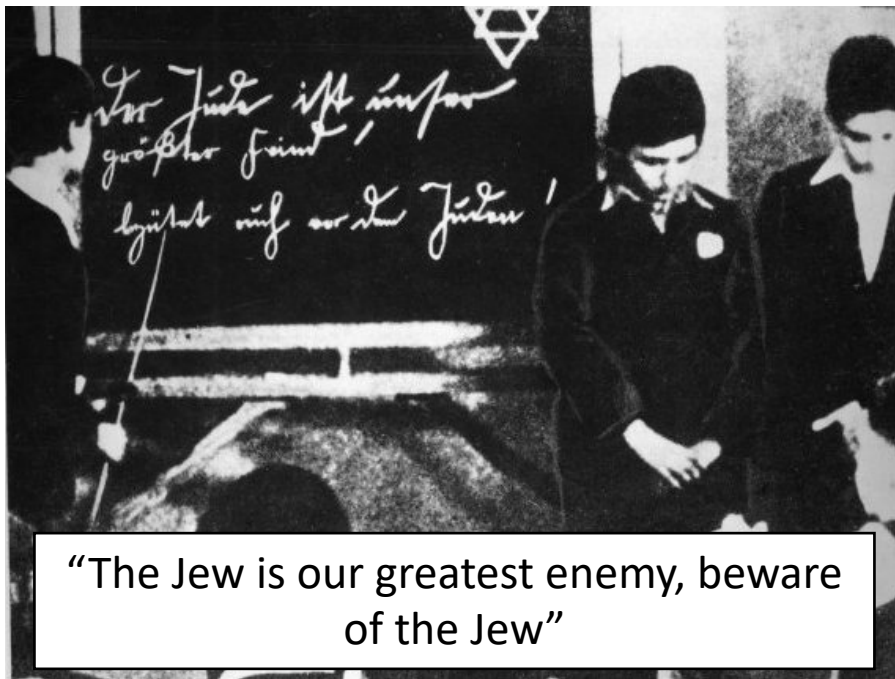
Anti Semitism

Anti Jewish

- Their religion, customs and looks make Jews stand out as 'different'
- Some Christians hated Jews, blaming them for Jesus' death
- Some Jews were very successful in finance and business, creating jealousy
- German Nationalists blamed the Jews for defeat in WWI, Versailles, Hyperinflation, and the Great Depression
- Hitler too, hated the Jews
- Moderate Germans were influenced by Propaganda and turned a blind eye or participated in the Nazi persecutions

The Eternal Jew, 1937







Persecution of the Jews 1933-1939



There were only 437,000 Jews in Germany (1%) but Hitler had stated action against them was a priority

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Hitler, speaking to an acquaintance, Josef Hell, in 1922.

If I am ever in power, the destruction of the Jews will be my first and most important job. I shall have gallows after gallows erected in Munich. Then the Jews will be hanged one after another, and they will stay hanging till they stink... Exactly the same procedure will be followed in other cities until Germany is cleansed of the last Jew.



Propaganda films began immediately, most famously 'The Eternal Jew' portraying Jews as vermin and filth.



Key events timeline

- **March 1933:** Boycott of Jewish shops and businesses
- **1934:** Jews banned from parks and swimming pools, yellow park benches provided to keep 'normal Germans' safe
- **15 September 1935: Nuremberg Laws**
 - Only those of German blood could be German citizens
 - Jews lost their citizenship and became aliens
 - Required to wear a yellow star so Germans could easily recognise them
 - Jews could not marry German citizens
 - Jews could not have sex with German citizens
- **9-10 November 1938** - Kristallnacht



The Shop boycott, March 1933

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This photograph was taken in July 1933. Nazi Stormtroopers have arrested a woman and her Jewish partner. The sign around her neck says: I am the biggest pig of all. I only sleep with Jews!' The man's sign says 'I am a Jewish boy who always brings German girls to my room'.



Kristallnacht – 9-10 November 1938



- A German was shot by a Polish Jew in Paris which led to Goebbels ordering local papers of the shooter's hometown, Hanover, to condemn him
- SA, SS and Gestapo attacked local synagogues and houses
- 9th November saw the violence from Hanover go nationwide.
- Police were told **not to prevent** any violence against Jews, as many Jews were to be arrested as could fit in the prisons
- Jewish property was smashed and burned by Hitler Youth and SA, a Jewish teenager was thrown from a 3rd floor window!
- Some Germans were horrified, others joined in, at **least 100** Jews were killed
- Jews were fined 1 billion marks to pay for the damage
- By 12th November 20,000 Jews had been rounded up and sent to camps

Use information & some research to create a front page article for a British newspaper

Major

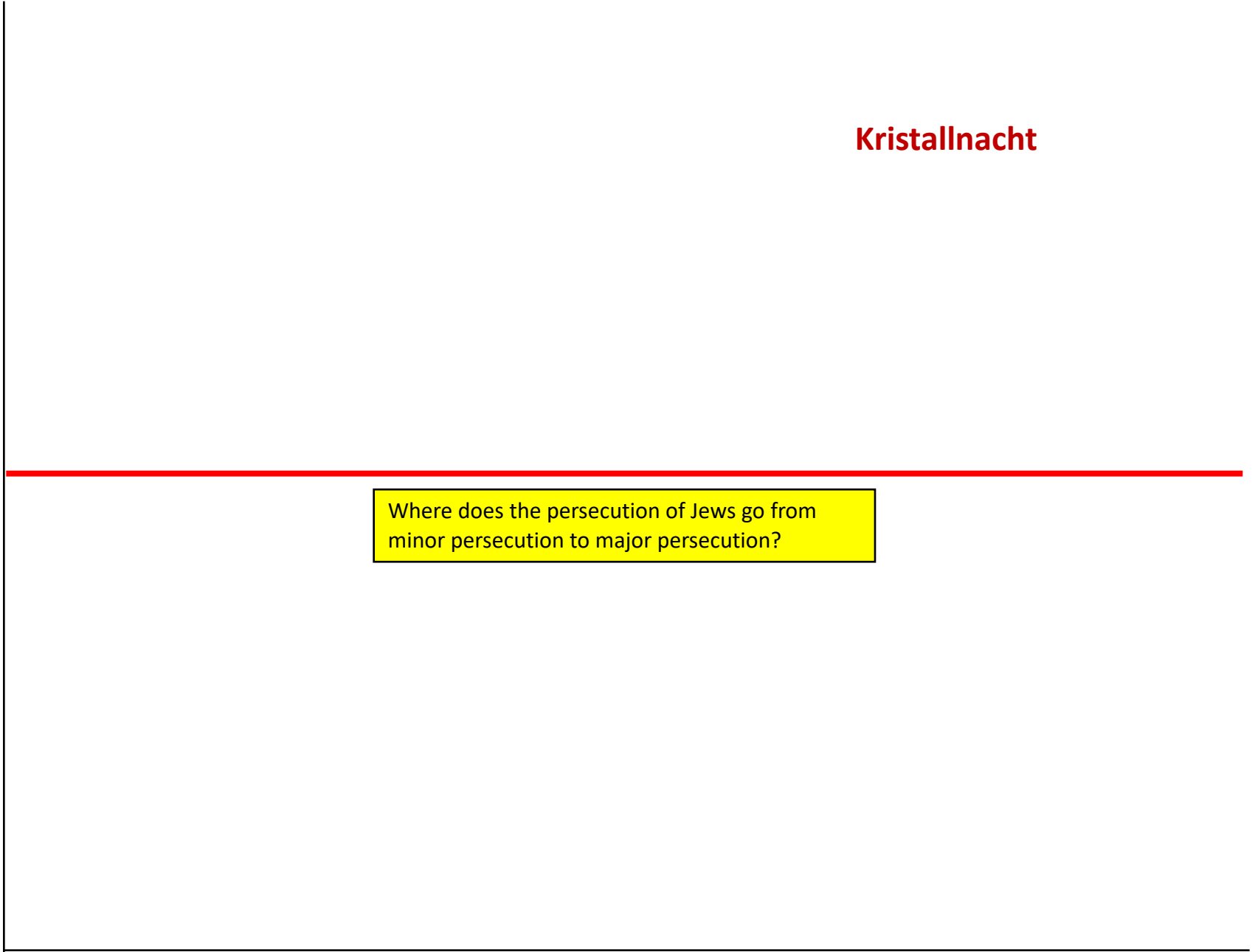
Kristallnacht

Where does the persecution of Jews go from
minor persecution to major persecution?

Minor

1919

1939



<p>... But the final objective must be the complete removal of the Jews.</p> <p>Adolf Hitler, 1919</p>	<p>I shall have gallows after gallows erected... then the Jews will be hanged one after another and they shall stay hanging until they stink.</p> <p>Adolf Hitler, 1922</p>
<p>No Jew may be a member of the nation.</p> <p>The Twenty-Five Point Programme, 1923. Hitler was not yet in power</p>	<p>In 1934, Hitler ordered Jewish shops to be marked with a yellow Star of David so Germans knew they should not shop there.</p> <p>School Textbook, 2005</p>
<p>My dad was a lawyer... When he arrived at the police station to complain about the Nazis, he was met by some Brownshirt thugs, who proceeded to beat him up. They knocked his teeth in and burst his ear drums.</p> <p>Beate Green, German Jewish schoolgirl (1933)</p>	<p>In 1935 the Nazis made a law that all Jewish children had to leave German schools or universities.</p> <p>Ruth Foster, German Jewish schoolgirl</p>
<p>In 1935 Jews were banned from public places, including swimming pools, restaurants and parks</p> <p>School Textbook, 2005</p>	<p>18th December 1939. Meeting with Hitler on the Jewish Question. [Himmler wrote in the margin:] to be exterminated as partisans.</p> <p>Extract from Himmler's diary</p>
<p>My father was imprisoned in Dachau. He was told "you can commit suicide if you want, there's the electric fence. But if you attempt it and you don't succeed, your punishment will be very heavy.</p> <p>Susan Sinclair, Jewish German schoolgirl (1939)</p>	<p>They pulled me out of bed and tore my nightdress to shreds. I was so self-conscious as 15 year old. There were roars of laughter from the German officers as if they were drunk.</p> <p>Susan Sinclair, Jewish German schoolgirl (1938)</p>