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Unit 3: Propaganda and Mass
Indoctrination



Lesson 1: The Hitler Myth

Do you believe that any individual, however important should be above the law?



**I am accountable only to
Germany!**



SOLO WORK



Learning gain - by the end of this sequence of lessons I will have fully explored the Hitler Myth and how Goebbels created it.

Learning Steps:



- Investigate what the Hitler Myth was.
- Explored how it gained credence in Germany.
- How it was created.
- Studied its effects.



The Fuhrer is the bearer of the peoples' will; he is independent of all groups, bound only by the laws which are inherent in the nature of his people...In his will the will of the people is realised...he shapes the collective will of the people within himself.

Copy the quote above:

Then explain which of the statements below you think best describes the view expressed in the quote -

- 1) "Hitler is an absolute dictator who is free to do whatever he wants."
- 2) "Hitler is all powerful because he represents the will of the people."
- 3) "Hitler has to act according to popular wishes."



Hitler's Relationship with the German People

All historians agree that Hitler dominated Germany 1933-45.



Hitler's power was based on his unique relationship with the German people.

He alone knew what the Germans wanted and he alone could fulfill their needs.



This system of government may seem absurd but after 14 years of weak government in the Weimar Republic, and German humiliation abroad many Germans were seeking a MESSIAH.

The Nazi Party had been built around the ***Fuhrerprinzip*** (leadership principle) now this applied to all of Germany.



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was the rebuilder of Germany's international strength and a mighty defence against her enemies.

Why did the "Myth" gain credence?

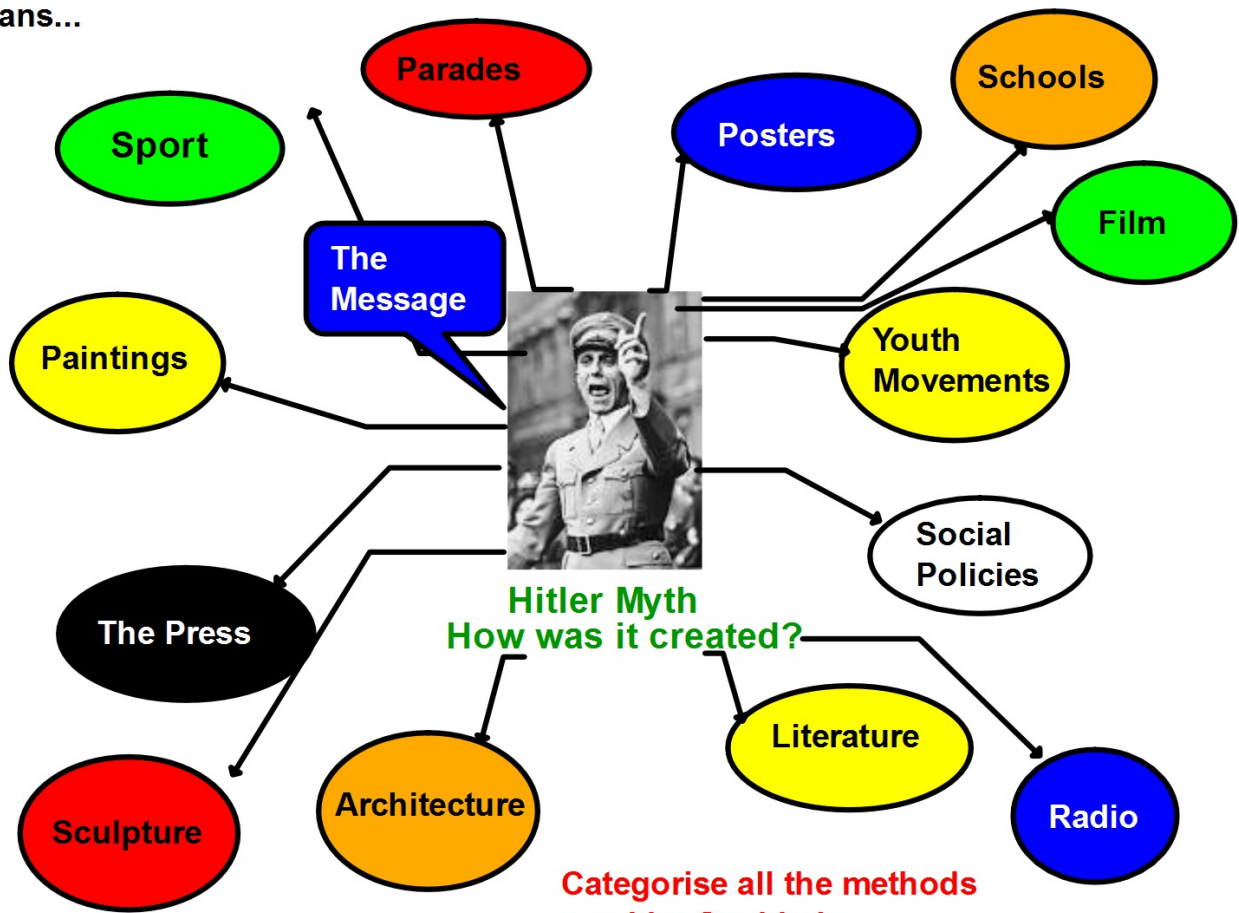
Credence - belief, credibility.

- It was a reaction to the old divisions of the tired and weak Weimar Republic.
- It satisfied the German peoples' emotional need for a strong leader.
- It reinforced the German tradition of authoritarian leadership.
- It developed out of the Führerprinzip of the Nazi Party.
- It was sustained by the success of Hitler after 1933.
- It was enhanced by propaganda.



We love you Adolf, we do
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Oh Hitler we love you.

Means...



Main



What were the consequences of the Hitler Myth:

The myth contributed to Hitler's great popularity.
By the late 1930s an estimated 90% of all Germans admired him.

Barack Obama's current approval rating is 40%.



Write two paragraphs on the Hitler Myth:

1) The nature of the myth...(what was it? how was it created? what was its purpose?)

2) The impact of the myth... (what influence did the myth have on] Germany and the Nazi regime?)

