

11th March

Lesson 6: How Successful was the  
Nazis' Attempt to create  
"VOLKSGEMEINSCHAFT"?



Volksgemeinschaft was the traditional society that the Nazis hoped to create. It was integrated, personal and organic - a national union in which every individual knew their place within the larger whole and in which every aspect of life furthered the good of the community.



In your words what was...  
Volksgemeinschaft?

Learning gain - by the end of this sequence of lessons I will have prepared myself and my group to present our views on Kershaw's opinion on the success of Volksgemeinschaft.



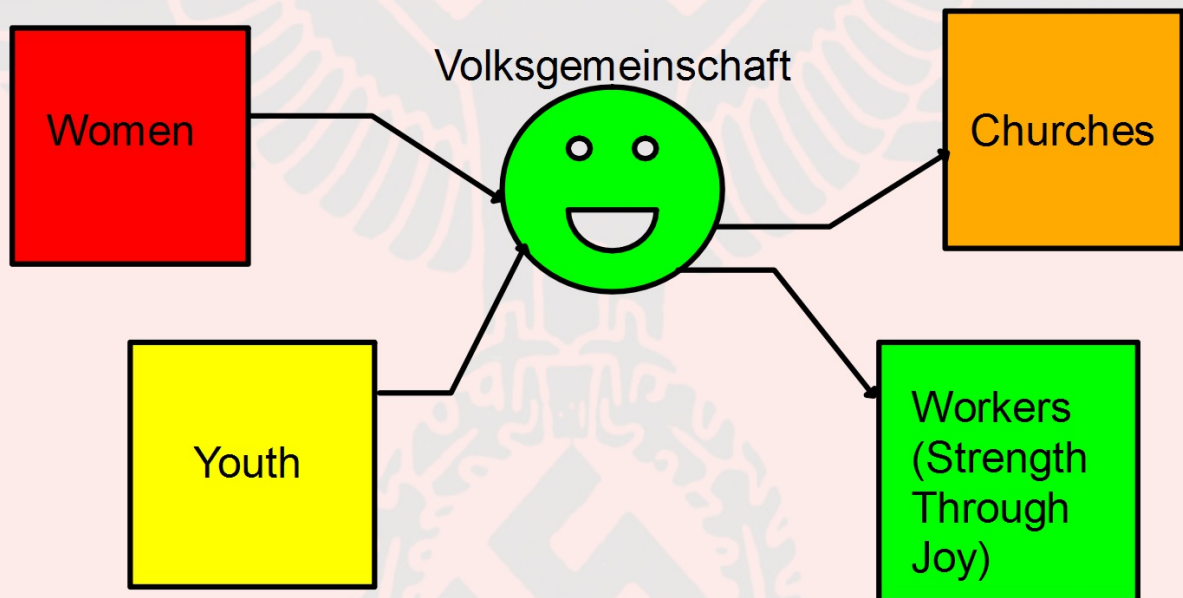
"Was Hitler successful in creating a Volksgemeinschaft in Germany 1933 - 1939" (24)

### Learning Steps:

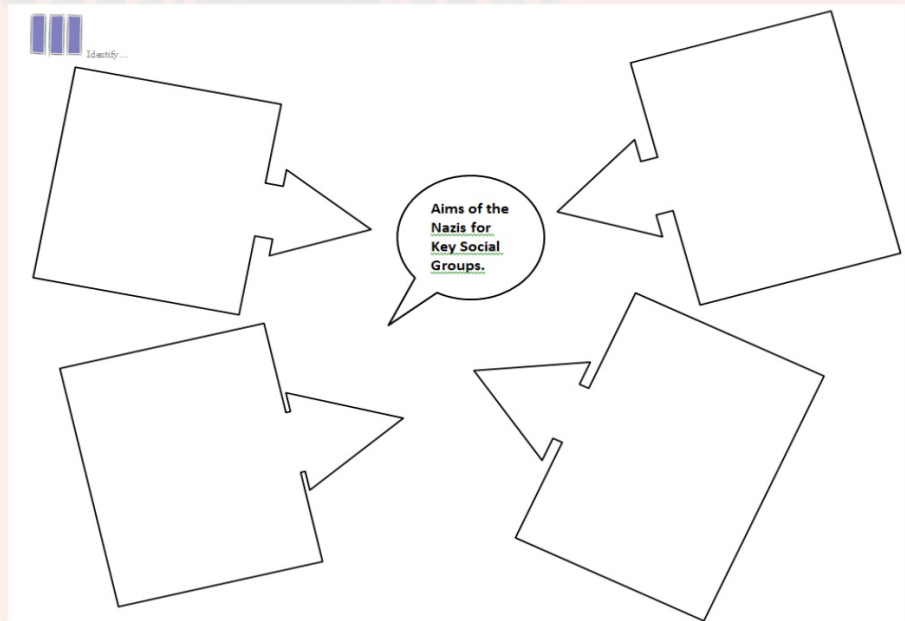
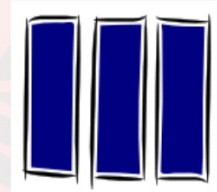


- Explore what was meant by Volksgemeinschaft.
- Investigate the success of Nazi policy on key social groups.
- Revisit the aims of the Nazis for key social groups in order to create their Volksgemeinschaft.
- Interrogate Ian Kershaw's interpretation of Hitler's success.
- Develop a presentation which will share your view on Kershaw and the hinge question.

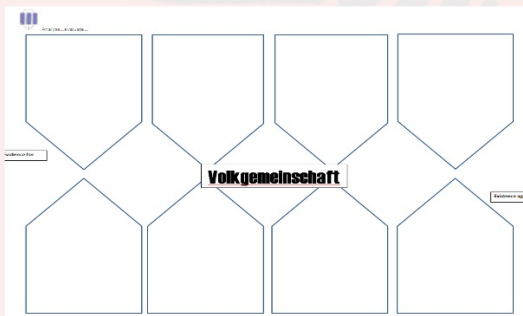
Lets focus on the groups within society we have already studied:



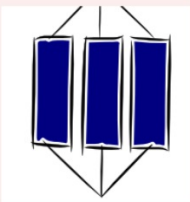
First take the multi-structural SOLO sheet and recap on the aims of the Nazis for key social groups.



Next use the Relational SOLO sheet to examine the success and failure with each group.



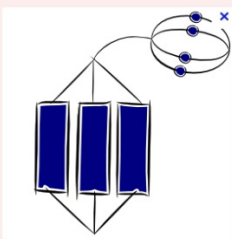
Can you support your responses with quotes and views of historians.





Finally to take your understanding of this topic to a complex and deep conceptual level you will research, prepare and deliver a presentation.

Get yourself into groups of a minimum of 4.



GROUP WORK

## The challenge:



You need to present your conclusions, views and opinions on the statement below...

**Kershaw's view on the success of Hitler's aim in creating the Volksgemeinschaft in Germany 1933-39.**

**Explain why you agree or disagree with his opinion.**



Your group should be a minimum of:

4

### Success Criteria:

- Your presentation must show your learning and understanding of Kershaw's view.
- You will need to explain what you understand by Volksgemeinschaft.
- You will need to give evidence in favour and against the view expressed by Kershaw.
- You will need to end on your own supported conclusion.
- Your presentation should be no longer than 5 minutes and no shorter than 3 minutes.
- You may use props such as poster or a powerpoint or other such graphic tool.
- Everyone in your group will need to speak.



Use this space to jot down your ideas:

- You will have this lesson and one other lesson to finish your presentation.
- Homework for this week is to work on the presentation.



Make sure you focus on the assessment rubric to check whether your work will meet the success criteria.

Ian Kershaw - "The Nazi Dictatorship" 1993



"There was some penetration of Nazi values and attitudes but the regime's social propaganda made little serious dent in traditional class loyalties particularly among older industrial workers...The hold of the Church and clergy over the population was often strengthened by the Nazis religious policies...Even in their attempt to inculcate the people with their race ideas, central to Nazi ideology, appears to have had only limited success. Enhancement of existing prejudices to outsiders, especially Jews occurred...Much suggests that the Nazis made their greatest impact on the young, but even here the regime only had partial success."





### Timeline:

- Remainder of Tuesday's lessons - research the presentation establish your view on Kershaw and find your evidence.
- Friday's lesson - create your presentation materials.
- Weekend - to refine your presentation against the rubric.
- Tuesday - P4: Deliver presentations.
- Tuesday - P5: Finish presentations and prepare written essays.
- Friday 21st March - hand in essays to Mr Moxon.

Any Questions:



