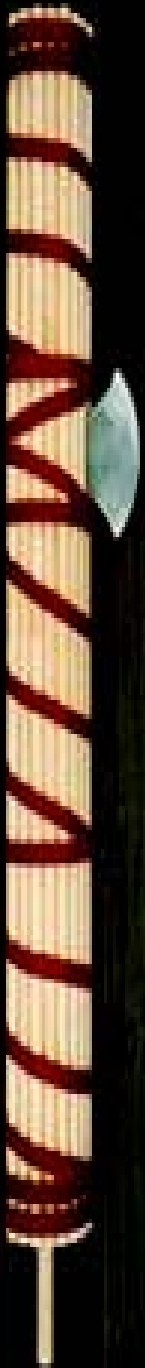



# Hitler's Rise to Power

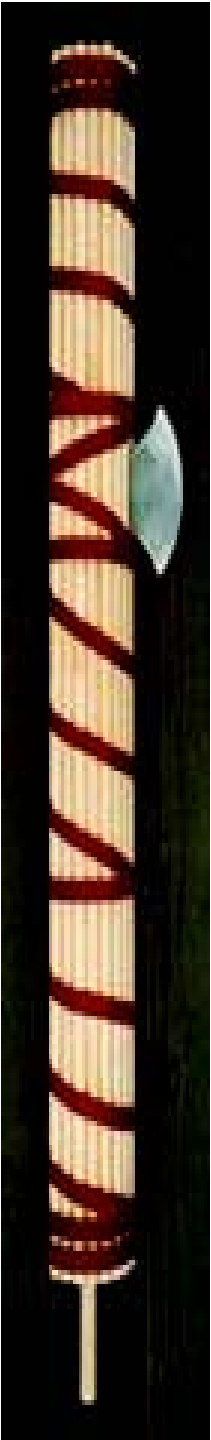


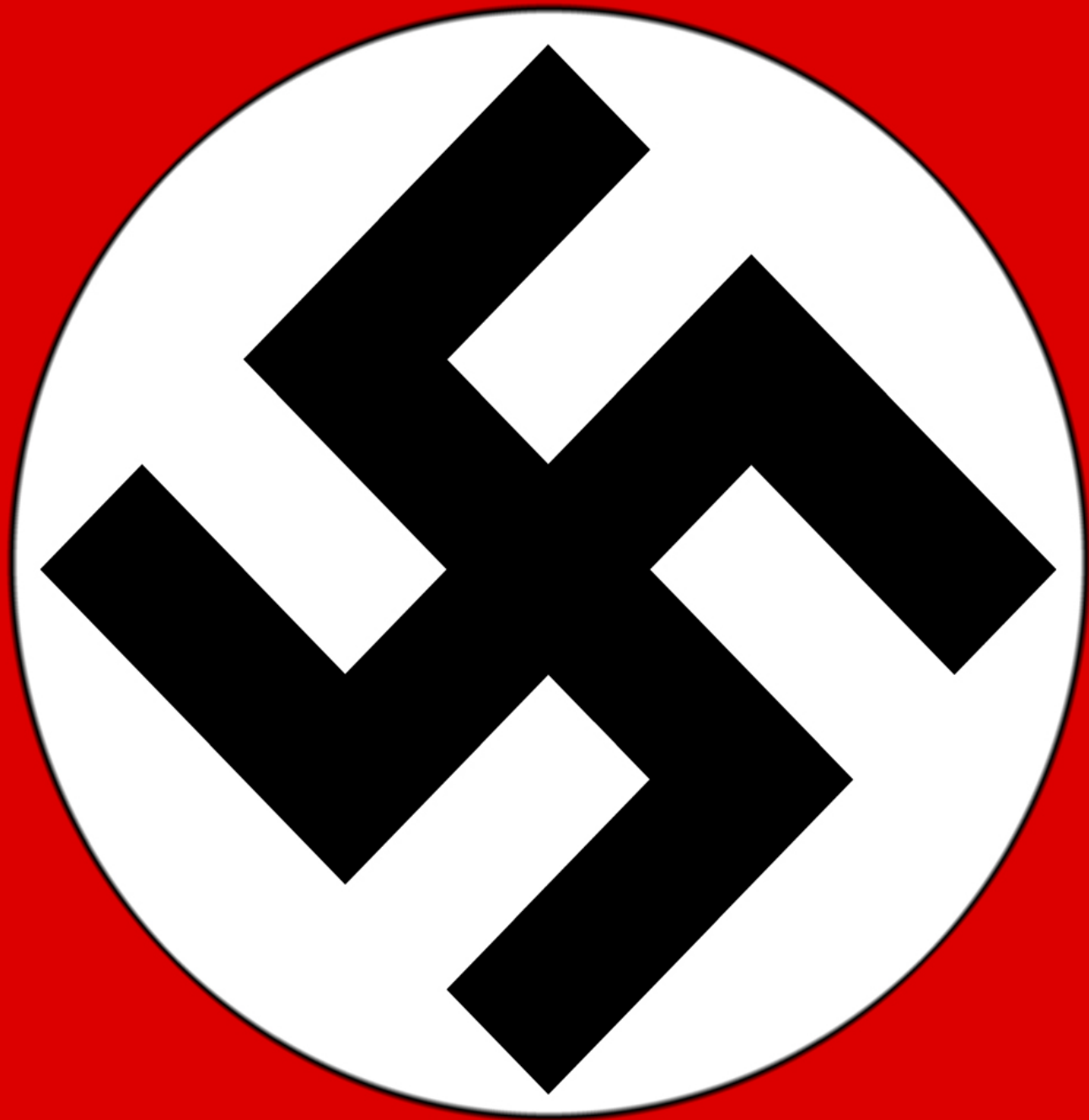
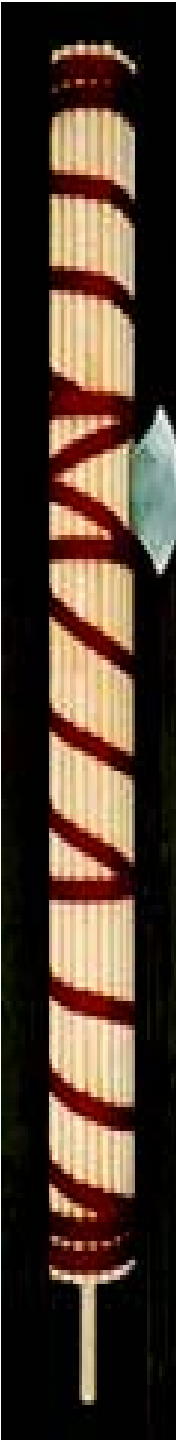
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- Early life – Born in Austria
    - Failed as artist (watercolor painter)
    - High school dropout
    - Won Iron Cross 2x in army during WWI (Battle of Somme)
  - Felt betrayed like many soldiers after Germany surrendered. Blamed German civilian leadership.
  - Nazi Party in 1919 – National Socialist Workers' Party – conservative political group
    - Beliefs – Treaty of Versailles is wrong, formed German fascism (Nazism), Hitler personally designed and adopted swastika as symbol
    - SA/ Brownshirts – private army of young veterans and street thugs

# Treaty of Versailles

- Germany's economic problems – inflation (money worthless), heavy payments due to defeat (compensation)
  - America gives \$200 million in loans







# Beer Hall Putsch

- 1st attempt to seize power – failed and was arrested for high treason, received five years, served less than 9 months

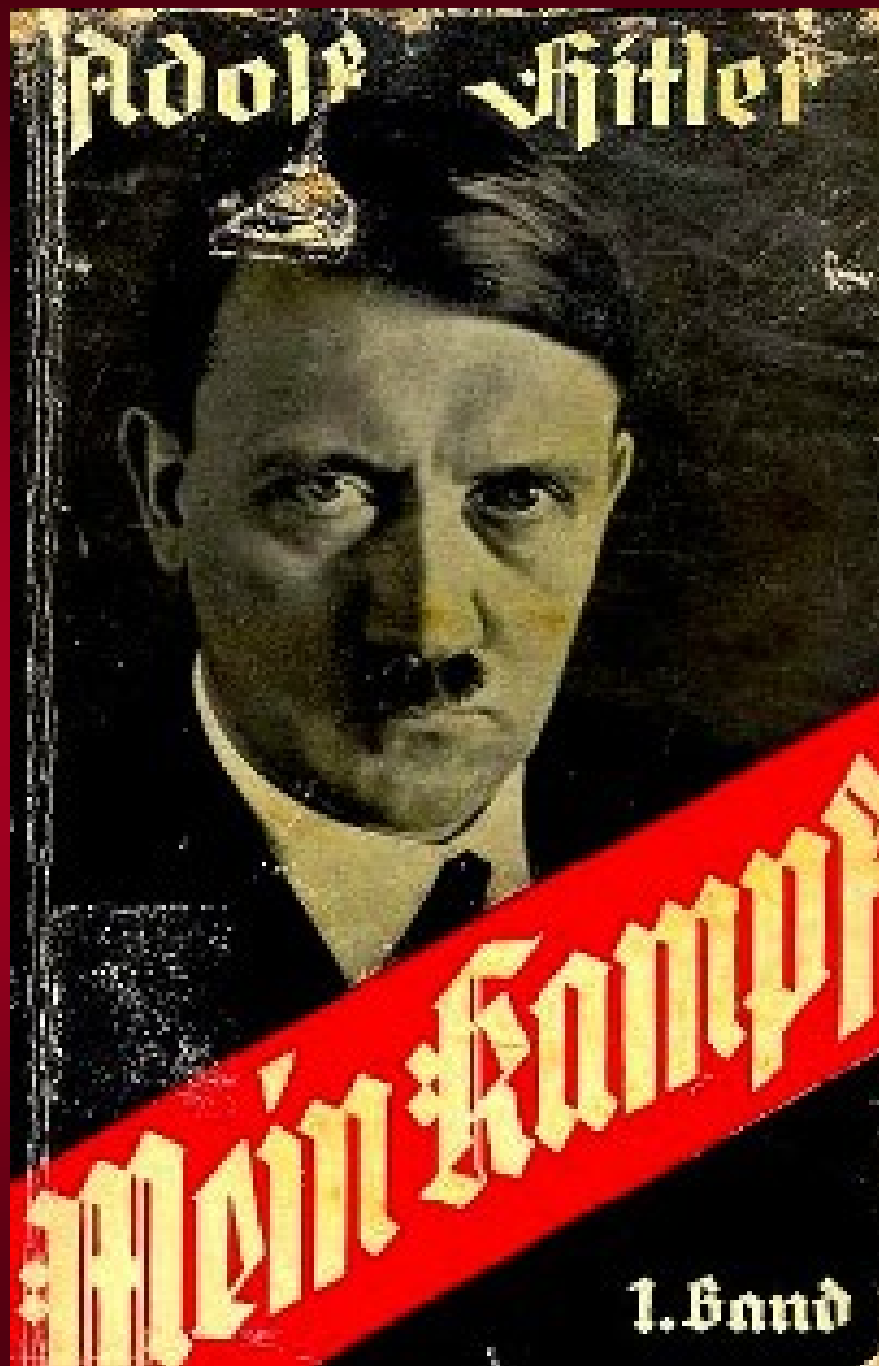
– Mein Kampf – Hitler's book

“My  
Struggle”

- Germans not responsible for losing war
- vowed to regain lost land
- blamed Jews, Gypsies, Slavs for losing
- Germans “Aryans” were a master race – others inferior or subhuman
- Germany is overcrowded and needs space – expand and kill inferiors




Adolf Hitler



Mein Kampf

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- In 1932, Hitler ran against Paul von Hindenburg for the presidency.
  - Hitler came in second in both rounds of the election
    - Garnering more than 35 percent of the vote in the final election.
    - The election established Hitler as a strong force in German politics.
  - Hindenburg reluctantly agreed to appoint Hitler as chancellor in order to promote political balance as well as believing he could control Hitler for his own purposes.

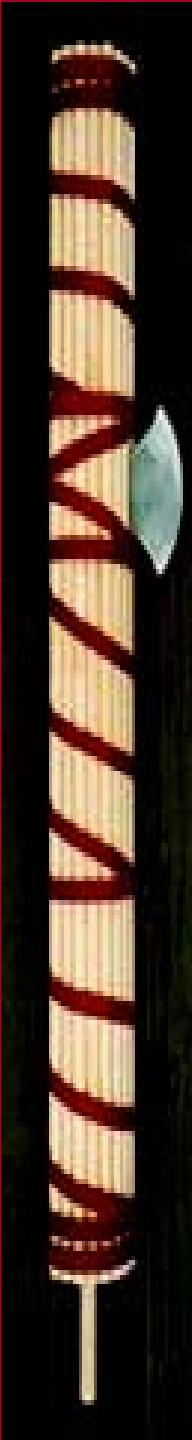




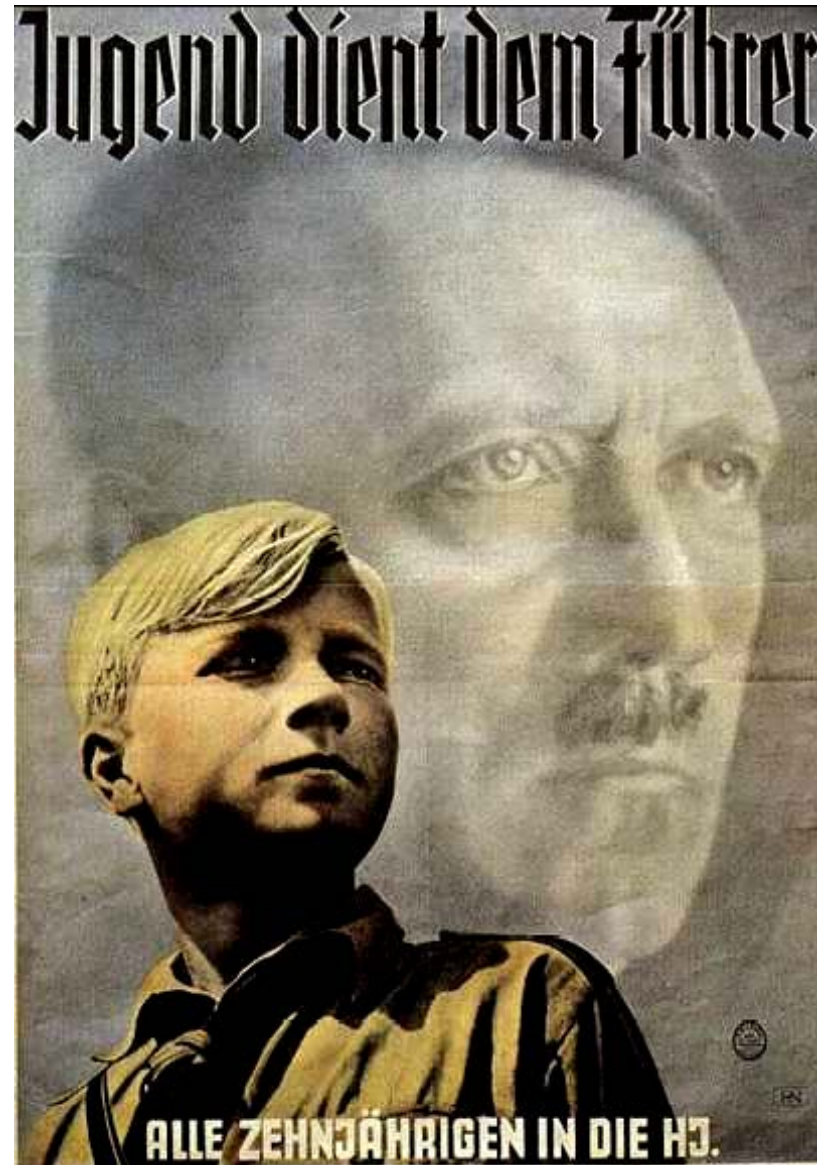


- 3rd Reich (Third Empire)

- Named “Der Fuhrer” (the leader)
- Restored military might – ordered factories to make weapons
- Ignored Treaty of Versailles
- Brought arts under his control and imposed his ideas
- Used press, radio, and movies as Nazi propaganda
- Stressed importance of a strong military and devotion to nation and leader
- Organizations to mold youth into Nazis

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- "The youth must be indifferent to pain. There must be no weakness or tenderness in it. I intend to have an athletic youth--that is the first and the chief thing... I will have no intellectual training. Knowledge is ruin to my young men."
  - By 1939, about 90% of the "Aryan" children in Germany belonged to Nazi youth groups. The Nazis indoctrinated boys and girls in their duties to the state from a young age.
  - "National Socialist education is an education in the thinking of the German people and in understanding German traditions. They sacrifice all for the people. . . .Race, military training, leadership, religion! These are the four unshakable foundations of the new German National Socialist education!"

Youth serves the Fuhrer



All 10 year olds join the Hitler youth



Pictures from elementary school textbooks



- 3rd Reich (Third Empire)

- Turned Germany into a totalitarian state
- SS – protection squad
- Anti-Semitism – Hatred of Jews – used as scapegoats for Germany’s troubles
- Nuremberg Laws – no citizenship, can’t hold public office, barred students from schools
- Kristallnacht – Night of the Broken Glass
  - November 9 and 10, 1938 – Nazi members attacked Jews on the streets and vandalized Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues
  - Secret police, Gestapo, arrested Jews – some shot, others sent to concentration camps (prison camps)







