

In His Words



“My dear German people, the time has come for us to stand up and demand the respect and equality that has been denied us in the world recently. We must expect and demand that the terrible Treaty of Versailles be repealed. The terms of this vile document assume that we will take the abuse it has heaped upon us like a dying animal ...lying down. But no! Parliaments do not create the rights of people on this earth; force creates rights!

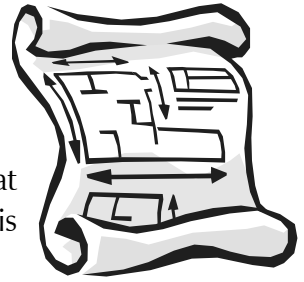
If the German people do not solve the problems this wicked treaty has wrought, and if we do not open up markets for its industry, then 2,000 years of our glorious history have been in vain, a complete waste. If this is what you my people want, than I will gladly join you in exiting the world stage, and nations with more vigor can take our place.

But, if you believe like I do that our place among world nations must be fought for and maintained. If you think, as I do, that people who are lazy have no right to the soil. If you agree that soil is for him that tills it and protects it, then you must fight with me! We have more right to our soil than all the other nations because we are so thickly populated. So you must demand what I demand! We must demand the union of all German peoples in one Great Germany. We must demand land and territory for the feeding of our people and the settlement of our surplus population! We must demand our mines and our ships, our strength!

But this is not all dear Germans. We have to protect ourselves from the enemies that live in our midst. We must insist that only members of our nation can be citizens. Only those of true German blood should be members of the great German nation. Those who are not citizens can live in Germany but only as guests living under our laws. The state will take care of its own, but only its own. Citizens will be provided with work, but if it is not possible to feed the entire population, non-citizens must be expelled to save valuable resources for the German people.

If you join me, proud people of Germany, you will see the sky is the limit for us. We will take back what has been wrongly stolen from us. We join once more with our German brothers and sisters who have been forced to live under new borders established by the despicable Versailles Treaty. We will once again work and provide for our families in the factories and mines that are rightfully ours. We will defend ourselves from our enemies. And most importantly, once and for all, we will hold our heads high as Germans – a people of a proud land!”

WHAT'S THE PLAN?



DIRECTIONS: Using passages from the speech, determine what Hitler wants and is willing to do to achieve his goals. Then, decide if his actions are reasonable or not, explaining your answers.

Goals/Plans	Evidence from the speech	Reasonable?