

BADGES

Growth of the NSDAP

This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.

People love to collect badges, so we might imagine that certain Germans wore 'Nazi badges' showing the different Nazi attitudes and beliefs they agreed with. Consider these 'badges':



1 Who in the list below would be most likely to wear these badges, and which badge(s) would they wear? Explain your choices.

- 1 A man made unemployed by the Depression
- 2 A small businessman struggling to bring up a happy family
- 3 The wife of a man killed in street violence
- 4 A poor war widow who was ruined by the hyperinflation
- 5 A Catholic priest trying to run a Catholic youth club
- 6 A grocer whose business has been ruined by the Jewish-owned department store next door
- 7 A demobbed soldier who can't find a job
- 8 An impressionable young woman who has attended a Nazi rally
- 9 A German nationalist who thinks the Treaty of Versailles was unfair
- 10 A Protestant minister who thinks that homosexuality is wrong
- 11 A right-wing judge who misses the Kaiser
- 12 A policeman sick of weak and chaotic government
- 13 A young boy who loves going to the Hitler Youth
- 14 A poor person harmed by Brüning's cuts to social benefits
- 15 A member of the *Wandervogel* movement
- 16 A teacher harmed by Brüning's cut to public workers' pay
- 17 A man who has just been beaten up by Nazi storm troopers
- 18 Someone who thought Stresemann's foreign policy was a sell-out to America
- 19 A rich landowner worried that the Communists will confiscate his land
- 20 A poor farmer, struggling against foreign competition

2 Are there any people in the list who wouldn't wear *any* Nazi badge?

3 Although the above badges didn't exist, the attitudes did. And German people who agreed with *any* of those attitudes wore this badge:

How does this activity help you explain Hitler's rise to power?

