

## Questions related to Victor Klemperer Bears Witness

1. Before Hitler came to power, how strong had Klemperer thought anti-Semitism was in Germany?
2. Was Nazi anti-Semitism based on religion or race?
3. To Klemperer, how were National Socialism and Communism the same?
4. Which vote most clearly reflected popular support for Hitler's Germany? Why?
5. At the time, what did many Germans view as the only alternative to National Socialism? Did Klemperer agree? Explain.
6. Why do you think Klemperer was especially damning of the intellectuals and professors who cooperated with the Nazis?
7. Does Klemperer think the German people approved of Hitler's assertion that the Jews are to blame for all crimes as well as Bolshevism? Quote the text.
8. What event was Klemperer referring to in his entry for November 25, 1938?
9. What did Klemperer think of the Nazi concept of blood and race? Quote the text.

10. In reference to the entry for August 22, 1941, why do you think the Nazis were killing the mentally ill?
11. On what date did Klemperer have to start to wear the Jewish star?
12. The reading of which book finally made Klemperer aware of how shaky his status had always been as a Jew in Germany?
13. How powerful was Hitler in Germany? Quote the text.
14. Who was Muschel, what happened to him, and why might the Nazis do this?
15. What would have happened if the Gestapo had discovered Klemperer's diary?
16. Since Aryans/Germans were members of the master race, did that mean they were safe from the Gestapo? Quote the text.
17. Did Klemperer believe that all Germans were anti-Semites? Give an example.
18. According to Klemperer, how effective had Nazi propaganda been?