

Check for Understanding

Can you understand what Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*?

Directions: Choose the BEST answer from those provided.

[These excerpts is from *Mein Kampf*'s first section of Vol. 1, Chapter 11: Nation and Race]

"Historical experience offers countless proofs of this. It shows with terrifying clarity that in every mingling of Aryan blood with that of lower peoples the result was the end of the cultured people."

1. What did Hitler say was the result of intermarriage between Aryans and others?
 - A. The human population would become stronger and smarter.
 - B. Their children would take over the world.
 - C. The Aryan civilization would die out.
 - D. The lower peoples would make the Aryans into slaves.

"Everything we admire on this earth today—science and art, technology and inventions—is only the creative product of a few peoples and originally perhaps of one race. On them depends the existence of this whole culture. If they perish, the beauty of this earth will sink into the grave with them."

2. What "one race" do you think Hitler wrote about in the passage above?
 - A. Americans
 - B. Germans
 - C. Africans
 - D. Jews

3. What did Hitler mean by "blood poisoning" in this context?
 - A. Hitler was afraid of someone putting something deadly in his food.
 - B. He warned Aryans against ruining their bloodline by marrying weaker people.
 - C. Hitler did not want the spread of cancer in healthy German circulatory systems.
 - D. He wanted people to donate blood to help out in poverty-stricken Germany.

"Those who want to live, let them fight, and those who do not want to fight in this world of eternal struggle do not deserve to live."

4. Which of these sentences most accurately mirrors what Hitler wrote in the passage above?
 - A. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
 - B. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth leaves everyone blind and toothless.
 - C. You've got to fight for your right to party.
 - D. If a man is not willing to go to war, he is worthless and better off dead.
5. Summarize in one sentence what you think Hitler strongly believed about what the German people should do.