

## How and why did the Nazis affect the lives of Jews between 1933 and 1939? [6]

The Nazis believed that the Jews were racially inferior to the Aryan race of Germany. They wanted a pure population and thought that to do this, they needed to exterminate all Jews. As Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, he blamed the Jews for the loss of World War One and for the creation of the Treaty of Versailles. Along with this, he thought that Jews were greedy for money and were destroying the economy.

The Nazis used many different methods against the Jewish Population during the 1930's. In April 1933, Hitler ordered a boycott of all Jewish businesses including shops which lasted one day. However, from this point forward many stopped using Jewish businesses and this caused many to close down. Hitler banned Jews from joining the Army and having a job in the Government. The Jewish people were forced to register all of their property which for the Nazis made it easier to confiscate. Later, more Jewish professionals were fired including teachers and doctors, dentists and lawyers were not allowed to work for German people. The most major action against the Jews was the introduction of the Nuremberg laws which banned marriage between Jews and Aryans as well as sexual relationships outside of marriage. This caused great division between the now, two separate races. Along with this, Jews were not allowed to be German citizens, which meant they lost all rights they had under the Nazis. Jewish people also has their identities taken away from them, with their names changed to Israel or Sarah and having their passports stamped with a J. In November 1938, Hitler ordered the most aggressive assault against the Jewish population up to this point. He ordered that all Jewish homes, shops, synagogues and businesses were destroyed. This caused thousands of Jews to be arrested and sent to concentration camps, while many were killed by rioters. This became known as the Night of Broken Glass or Kristallnacht, after which Jews were fined for the damage caused and were forced by the Police to clean the streets.