

# Assignment 1: Answers

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## Question 1 [2 points]

Primary sources are first hand records of an event that happened like personal diaries, or oral accounts of people that were there.

Secondary sources are second hand records or records that go through a chain back to a primary source.

## Question 2 [3 points]

The information needed in a citation is

- 1 – the author's name
- 2- the year of publishing
- 3- the publisher
- 4- the title of the publication
- 5- page numbers

And that reason for citation is to be fair and make sure that credit is given to the original author of the book or journal.

Choice of topic: Again, the Road to War (1933–1939): Hitler's Goals

Chapter: 30

## Question 3a [3 points]

Hitler believed in the superiority of the Aryan race. He wished for a world ruled by Aryans and that started the second world war which did not only affect Europe. But the whole world.

## Question 3b [3 points]

Question 1: what made Hitler so racist to the point that he would kill the races he assumed were "lesser" than his own?

**Question 2: What was the biggest cause for the failure of Hitler's plans which ended up costing him the war?**

**Question 3: How much was Hitler willing to sacrifice to achieve his goal, was he willing to do it at any cost or did he have a limit to how immoral he could be in achieving his goals?**

**Question 3c [3 points]**

**An amazing example of a primary source that we can cite and understand from is Hitler's personal book Mein Kampf (My Struggle)  
other amazing primary sources could be people that were in Hitler's close circle and are still alive today, or maybe journals or old German and British archives.**

**Question 3d [6 points]**

On September 1<sup>st</sup> 1939 Nazi Germany led by Adolf Hitler invaded Poland, two days later, France and Great Britain declared war on Germany thus marking the beginning of the second world war, similarly today we could see rising tensions between Russia and Ukraine with Russia leading an attack against Ukraine spearheading its way into Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. I believe that this conflict has the potential to grow into a 3<sup>rd</sup> world war with the intervention of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and other European Union. I think that in every era there will be a tyrant jeopardizing peace for their own self gain. It was Adolf Hitler in mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, and it is Vladimir Putin in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In the period of the second world war there were many inventions that humans still use today and have not found or invented better alternatives, like Radar, Computers and Penicillin an anti-bacterial medicine (antibiotic), today penicillin has been made available to everyone unlike in the period where it was first discovered. Furthermore, today we have many antibiotics that are more effective than penicillin, but all of them would not have existed without the discovery of that amazing. At the end of the war, the United States dropped two atomic bombs nicknamed Little Boy and Fat Man on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, these weapons were devastating and can wipe 100s of thousands in an instant, today those bombs are dwarfed by Russia's own Tsar Bomba having more than 1400 times the power of Little Boy and Fat Man combined!

A famous figure that lived in the time period of the second world war was Joseph Stalin, the leader of the Soviet Union, he was also known as the slaughterer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.