

Post-WWI Hungary: Document Based Questions

1. Use the website below to compare and contrast the maps of Europe at the start of WWI and directly after. Pay particular attention to the Austro-Hungarian Empire

<http://www.rferl.org/content/infographics/world-war-i-map-europe-1914-2014/25427811.html>

A. What happened to the Austro-Hungarian Empire? Be specific about the region.

B. How do you think Hungarians reacted to the end of WWI? What might they be thinking or feeling?

2. Read the following excerpt about “Jews in Eastern Europe”

In 1920, influenced by antisemitic student movements and conservative Christian circles, the National Assembly passed the first “Jewish Law” in post–World War I Europe, the so-called *numerus clausus* law (Article XXV; 1920). While Jews were not mentioned explicitly and the law employed categories of nationality and race, it was aimed principally at Jews (who until then had never been defined legally in such terms). The *numerus clausus* placed a ceiling of 6 percent (corresponding to the percentage of Jews in the general population) on the percentage of Jewish students allowed in institutes of higher education.

Source: Yivo Institute for Jewish Research

http://www.yivoencyclopedia.org/article.aspx/hungary/hungary_from_1918_to_1945

A. What did the numerous clauses law of 1920 do in Hungary?

B. Why might have Hungarians supported this law?

C. What are the consequences for Hungary and Hungarians?

3. Examine the image below of Hungarian leader Miklós Horthy in the 1930s.



A. *Who is with Horthy? What do you know about this man in the 1930s?*

B. *What does this image imply about the relationship between these two men? What does this mean for Hungary?*

C. *What do you think the consequences will be for Hungary after 1939?*

Examining the Consequences for Hungary after 1939:

4. Use the website below as an introduction to the Holocaust in Hungary.

<https://www.ushmm.org/information/exhibitions/online-features/special-focus/the-holocaust-in-hungary/the-holocaust-in-hungary-an-introduction>

A. *According to the video clip what plans are Hitler made aware of that ultimately led to the occupation of Hungary?*

B. *What was the impact of Germany's occupation of Hungary toward the end of World War II?*

C. *Why do you think the Hungarian government will not acknowledge the country's complicity (involvement) in the deaths of its Jewish citizens during the Holocaust?*