

Resource 1: worksheet

GERMAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION NEWS SERVICE

33, RUE DU RHONE, GENEVA (Switzerland)

Dr. Goebbels

Speech to the representatives of the international press at Geneva on September 28th 1933

You have been given one section of this (long!) speech to analyse. Work individually, or in a group and try to complete as many of the following questions on your section of the speech as possible before the workshop, as the session will be based on the work you have done.

Don't worry if you don't understand something – make a note of it and ask the education officer at the National Archives during the videoconference.

Try to really focus on the detail of the speech. You can write notes and highlight things on your copy to help you focus in more closely.

And finally, be ready to discuss your research during the videoconference to get the most out of it.

One person in your group should be prepared to read out loud a short section of your part of the speech. This will help us understand this document in its context, as a speech that is meant to be heard, not just read.

1. Read through your section carefully. Make notes around the text as you read if you find it helpful.
2. In one or two points summarise what Goebbels is talking about in this section.
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3. On your section of the speech underline in one colour what you consider to be factual statements and underline in another colour what you consider to be statements of opinion.
4. Look at your section of the speech and highlight Goebbels' use of:
 - Persuasive language
 - Emotive language
 - Repetition for a purpose
 - Bias
 - Generalisation
 - Questions for a purpose
 - Euphemism
 - Rationalisation (justification)
5. Have a look at the copy of the original document, which your teacher should have in their pack. Notice if any parts of your section of the speech have been underlined or marked in any way. Who do you think has done this, and is this important in any way?

