

Activity 2. *Time Magazine's Man of the Year (1938)*

Instructions: For its January, 1939 edition, *Time* magazine selected Adolph Hitler as its 1938 "Man of the Year." Read excerpts A and B and answer questions 1 – 3.

Questions

1. According to this article, what are the key achievements of Adolph Hitler?
2. Based on these achievements, do you think Hitler merited selection as "Man of the Year"? Explain.
3. Write a Letter-to-the-Editor of *Time* explaining your point of view.
 - A. Adolph Hitler without doubt became 1938's Man of the Year . . . [T]he figure of Adolph Hitler strode over a cringing Europe with all the swagger of a conqueror . . . Hitler became in 1938 the greatest threatening force that the democratic, freedom-loving world faces today . . . Rant as he might against the machinations of international Communism and international Jewry, or rave as he would that he was just a Pan-German trying to get all the Germans back in one nation, Fuehrer Hitler had himself become the world's No. 1 International Revolutionist.
 - B. That the German people love uniforms, parades, military formations, and submit easily to authority is no secret . . . What Adolph Hitler & Co. did to Germany in less than six years was applauded wildly and ecstatically by most Germans. He lifted the nation from post-War defeatism. Under the swastika Germany was unified. His was no ordinary dictatorship, but rather one of great energy and magnificent planning . . . Germany has become a nation of uniforms, goose-stepping to Hitler's tune, where boys of ten are taught to throw hand grenades, where women are regarded as breeding machines. In five years under the Man of 1938, regimented Germany had made itself one of the great military powers of the world today.