

## How much opposition was there to the Nazi regime?

	• Why did they oppose Hitler?	• How did they express their opposition?	• How successfully were they dealt with?
<b>Young</b>	▪ <b>White Rose</b> (led by Hans and Sophie Scholl) hated Hitler because of the crimes that he and the rest of the Nazis had committed.	They printed pamphlets about the Nazi crimes.	Three of them were executed by guillotine. Just before he was executed Hans Scholl shouted out: "Long live freedom!"
	▪ <b>Swing movement</b> opposed Hitler because he banned jazz music.	They met to dance and play jazz music and they also let Jews into their clubs.	In 1942, clubs were raided and participants were hauled off to camps with beatings and forced labor.
	▪ <b>Edelweiss Pirates</b> (led by Hans Steinbruck) reacted against the regimentation of the Hitler Youth, which they had evaded by leaving school (which was allowed at age fourteen).	They helped army deserters and refugees and they stole armaments, one group even attacked the Gestapo.	Twelve of them were publicly hanged.
<b>Jews</b>	▪ <b>Warsaw Ghetto</b> The Jews opposed Hitler because of his policy on persecuting the Jews because they weren't Aryan.	In January 1943, Jews fired upon German troops as they rounded up another group of ghetto inhabitants for deportation.	In May the revolt ended. 56,000 Jews were captured. 7,000 were shot, and the remainder were deported to killing centres.
	▪ <b>Schindler's list</b> Oskar Schindler opposed the Nazis because he thought it was wrong to kill the Jews.	He saved 1,200 Jews by having them moved to his own factory as 'workers' and gave them food and protection	Schindler succeeded in saving the workers on his list.
<b>Church</b>	The church opposed Hitler as he was trying to replace Christianity with Nazism (Reich Church) and thought that his policies were morally wrong.	▪ <b>Catholics - Cardinal Galen</b> Campaigning strongly against Hitler and the Nazis.	He had his home attacked but he campaigned relentlessly until his natural death.
		▪ <b>Protestants - Bonhoeffer and Niemoller</b> Criticised Nazis in sermons and in poetry.	▪ <b>Protestants</b> • <b>Bonhoeffer</b> was sent to a concentration camp in which he died in 1945. • <b>Niemoller</b> was arrested but given a suspended sentence and survived the war.
<b>Party</b>	▪ <b>The Bomb Plot</b> Some soldiers always thought Hitler reckless, but it was his failures in Russia after 1941 (esp. Stalingrad) that led to opposition growing.	In 1944 a group of officers tried to kill Hitler in a bomb plot. Von Stauffenberg placed a briefcase with a bomb inside Hitler's headquarters.	Stauffenberg was shot at midnight by a firing squad. Implicated was Erwin Rommel ('The Desert Fox'), who was given poison.

### Task 1: Factual Recall

#### Factual Test

You have 10 minutes to revise for a test on this information. You will then have a factual test on it. Highlight key words, dates and concepts to revise (but don't overdo it!)

### Task 2: Main Task

**EITHER** Produce an opposition poster from one of these groups.

**OR** Produce a "Movie Trailer" for a Hollywood film about ONE of the groups

**OR** Using [www.classtools.net](http://www.classtools.net)

- **EITHER** Research one character in more depth and produce a "Living Graph" of their life;
- **OR** produce a Venn diagram on "Opposition in Nazi Germany" with the three circles entitled (a) Resistance by necessity; (b) Resistance on principle; (c) Resistance due to disillusionment.  
Use the "Print Screen" function to COPY and then PASTE an image of your completed work here.

### Task 3: Rounding Off

- Who do you think provided the most effective form of opposition to the Nazis? Explain your choice.
  
- Did opposition to the Nazis increase once the war had started?
  
- "The main reason that most Germans did not oppose Hitler was because they were selfish cowards" – Do you agree? Discuss other possible explanations as a group before writing a full answer.
  
- "Until a man finds something he is prepared to die for, he isn't really alive" (Martin Luther King Jr). Under what circumstances – if any - do you think that you would be prepared to give up your life? Compare your answers as a class.