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Hitler and Voldemort

- Both sought a pure-blood society. Hitler wanted an Aryan race and Voldemort wanted the wizarding world to be “pureblood.”
- Neither are their own version of the ideal. Voldemort had a muggle father and Hitler was a brunette with brown eyes.
- Both Voldemort and Hitler were able to successfully take over the schools and have their ideology taught.
- Each have very distinct facial features with Hitler’s mustache and Voldemort’s lack of a nose.

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Victims and Muggles

- The Nazis’ victims were often worked to death in labor camps if not killed outright or sent to extermination camps.
- Muggles in Harry Potter were historically used for labor and often died during their work; as shown by the image below.
- Wizards were often encouraged to distance themselves from Muggles and abstain from forming romantic attachments.
- Similar to Nazis and Jews, there were no distinguishable features between Muggles and Wizards. You had to research the ancestry to determine what someone was.

SS and Death Eaters

- The Nazi Death Mark, Totenkopf, is very similar to the Death Eater Dark Mark emblem. The primary feature of both is a bare human skull. The Death Mark has crossbones behind the skull, whereas the Dark Mark has a snake unfurling from the mouth. The names alone are enough to draw comparisons.
- Both the SS and Death Eaters had to go into hiding after the defeat of their leader and were chased by groups of individuals trying to bring them to justice.