

Vocabulary. Explain/define the following concepts/persons/ institutions

- Black shirts
- Matteotti
- *Mein Kampf*
- Beer Hall Putsch
- *Gestapo*
- Nuremberg Laws
- *Shoah*
- Vittorio Emanuele III
- SA
- Hindenburg
- Enabling Act
- SS
- *Kristallnacht*

ASSESSING HISTORICAL- LEGAL TEXTS: COLLABORATIVE LEARNING / GROUPS OF 3/5 STUDENTS**THE RACE QUESTION. UNESCO STATEMENT ISSUED 18 JULY 1950**

1. Scientists have reached general agreements in recognizing that mankind is one: that all men belong to the same species, *Homo sapiens*. It is further generally agreed among scientists that all men are probably derived from the same common stock (...).
2. From the biological standpoint, the species *Homo sapiens* is made up of a number of populations, each one of which differs from the others in the frequency of one or more genes. Such genes, responsible for the hereditary differences between men, are always few when compared to the whole genetic constitution of man and to the vast number of genes common to all human beings regardless of the population to which they belong. This means that the likenesses among men are far greater than their differences (...).
6. National, religious, geographic, linguistic and cultural groups do not necessarily coincide with racial groups: and the cultural traits of such groups have no demonstrated genetic connexion with racial traits. Because serious errors of this kind are habitually committed when the term "race" is used in popular parlance, it would be better when speaking of human races to drop the term "race" altogether and speak of ethnic groups.

- Read the text and the excerpt of *Mein Kampf*.
- Could you use the term "Spanish race" with respect to the inhabitants of our country? Why?

RESEARCH/WATCHING & LISTENING & COMMENT

Valkyrie (2008), played by Tom Cruise and Kenneth Branagh and based on a true story, tells the attempt of colonel Klaus von Stauffenberg and other German military officers to assassinate Hitler during WWII. It shows the existence of resistance movements in Nazi Germany. Should you choose to watch it, widen your research on resistance movements in Nazi Germany, and present your results to the rest of the class.

THINK CRITICALLY: groups of 3/4 students

In *The open society and its enemies*, K. R. Popper makes a distinction between a closed society (totalitarian States) and the open society (democracy), characterised by the systematic use of critical thought. Is it possible to identify our modern European culture with an open society? Are there threats against it?

Present your group conclusion(s) to the rest of the class. No more than 7 minutes, all members must take part in the presentation.