**Night of the Long Knives Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[What happened on the Night of the Long Knives? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-long-knives-reading/)

1. What is another name for the event that took place on the night of June 30, 1934?
2. How many people were estimated to have lost their lives during this event?
3. Which high-ranking members were among the victims of this massacre?
4. By mid-1934, which groups in Germany were not controlled or infiltrated by the Nazis?
5. What role did the SA play during the Reichstag elections of 1932-33?
6. How many members did the SA have in January 1933, and how many did it have by January 1934?
7. Who was responsible for the rapid growth of the SA?
8. What was the total membership of the SA by the middle of 1934?
9. What problems arose due to the rapid growth of the SA?
10. Why was Hitler concerned about Ernst Rohm by early 1934?
11. What was the "second revolution" that the SA spoke of?
12. Who urged Hitler to dismiss Rohm?
13. What action did Hitler take on June 30th, 1934?
14. How did Ernst Rohm die?
15. Who were some of the political opponents eliminated during the "Night of the Long Knives"?
16. What happened to the SA after the July 1934 purges?
17. Which organization took over as the NSDAP's main paramilitary organization after the SA's decline?
18. How many members did the SS have by January 1939?
19. What did the Night of the Long Knives demonstrate about Hitler?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What* [*motivated*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/motives-and-historical-empathy/) *Hitler to enact the Night of the Long Knives?*