How reliable is this source? (3)

Our five starter questions

Think about SIGNIFICANCE

What?

When?

Where?

Who?

Why?

This was a page from a propaganda book intended to glorify Hitler, so it presents a one-sided view of his popularity with youth.

It was written in 1936 when Hitler was quite secure politically but still eager to win support.

The book was probably published in Germany for its target audience: the German public The writer was the head of Hitler Youth so was apparently well informed. However, it was put together by Goebbels so its main intention was propaganda. Hitler is presented as popular and a natural idol for the young.

MAKE your JUDGEMENT

This book certainly does not provide a fulland balanced picture of attitudes of Germanyouth. It was part of avery selective and skilful propaganda exercise to present Hitler as a near perfect leader. The author was a leading Nazi devoted to the Fuhrer so no negative points would have been included, such as the existence of opposition groups.

Therefore this source does not provide an accurate view of Hitler' impact on HitlerYouth.

QUALIFY your JUDGEMENTS

The source does give us however, an insight into the ways the Naziswished Hitler to be perceived by the public. The author was at the heart of the Nazi government and responsible for youth policy. At this time the Nazi regime was well established and the cultof Hitler clearly portrayed in propaganda. This source confirms the idolization of Hitler bothby Nazi leaders and by some people, but also Hitler's need to continue to build support.

How reliable is this source? (2)

Think about Our five starter **SIGNIFICANCE** questions What? Develop the points, making use of as much detail of provenance as When? you can. Add contextual Where? knowledge eg this was written the day after... Who? Why?

MAKE your
JUDGEMENT

QUALIFY your JUDGEMENTS

Consider:

- Completeness
- Consistency
- Typicality
- Authenticity
- Usefulness
- Objectivity

Acknowledge limitation but also explain in what way the source is still of value.

How reliable is this source?

