1. What is Burke's rationale behind analyzing Hitler's Mein Kampf?

His rationale was that to avoid history from repeating itself we need to understand how the holocaust happened. How Hitler was able to gain such sting footing in German politics and gather so many supporters.

1. What is Burke's overall argument about Hitler's rhetoric?

I think the overall argument of about Hitler’s rhetoric is that we should understand why Hitler thought this way and why so many people followed his point of view. The reading helps people understand that while Hitler was the face, or the driving force of these ideas, he did not create these ideas and the entire German country followed this was of thinking.

1. How does Burke explain Hitler's "unification device"? What are the four important features of this device? Explain specifically how Burke describes each one of these features.

Hitler’s unification device was getting the public to see why the economic was failing because of the Jews. The four important features of the unification device were to help the people realize they had an inborn dignity, the needed a projection device, a symbolic rebirth and commercial use of the movement. The inborn dignity was having the Aryan race realize that they were above all races and had to conquer the inferior races. The projection device was putting the blame of the failing economy on the Jews. That in order to ‘purify’ Germany, they had to dissociate form the Jews. The symbolic rebirth was giving Germany a common goal of moving forward out of the depression, which helped people understand and persuaded them on why they had to get rid of the inferior races. The commercial use of the movement was finally persuading people of the economic problems and it cause was race. He moved the attention off of the economic struggles of the country and stated that their main problem was the inferior races. By giving the people ‘one voice’ they were able to unify and strengthen as a country.

1. What are Burke's action items in the conclusion of his analysis? What does he think the readers should do?

I believe Burke’s action items are to find ways of making false teachings of religion apparent and that if the nation were to unify that we should unify under truths and not emotional tricks. He thinks readers should unify under commonalities, not under hate of a specific group.