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Young Man Hitler - II

Lead: Product of a domineering father and indulgent Mother, head-strong young Austrian Adolf Heilder entered school with an unusual gift for speaking and a desire to become an artist.

Intro.: *A Moment in Time* with Dan Roberts.

Content: Neither by his Mother's permissiveness or Father's uncontrolled anger was young Adolf given a structured environment in his home and he became a self-willed and stubborn child. He early on became fascinated with German history,

particularly the glory days of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870-1871, and as a borderland resident adopted the Pan-German inclination to admire the German Kaiser.

His mother was only partly able to provide a layer of protection against Alois Heidler's regimentation and the boy and father soon clashed in normal father, son fashion but more importantly over the father's loyalty to the Austrian monarchy which the two did not share, but also Hitler's desire to become an artist. His father wanted him to go to technical high school to prepare for a civil service career, but Adolf want classical training to explore his artistic tendencies. The bitter struggle

continued in school as Adolf intentionally did poorly to convince his father to relent. And the clash of wills continued until his father died in 1903.

He began to apply himself with more diligence, but despite his obvious talent, Hitler never worked very hard at any task and finished his secondary schooling with a lack-luster record. The end of 1907 brought him great disappointment. He went to Vienna to take the entrance exam to the Academy of Fine Arts and failed it badly and in December his mother died. He began a life of aimlessness, poverty and self-pity, which only came to an end as he joined the German Army to fight in World War

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**At the University of Richmond,
this is Dan Roberts.**

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