Goebbels Rede „Wollt Ihr den totalen Krieg?“ - 1943

SOURCE 21.11 From Goebbels’ speech at the Berlin Sport Palace, February 1943

I ask you: do you believe with the Führer and with us in the final victory of the German people? I ask you: Are you determined to follow the Führer through thick and thin in the struggle for victory and to put up even with the heaviest personal burdens?...

I ask you: Do you want total war? Do you want it, if necessary, more total and more radical than we can imagine it today?

[The crowd roared its approval.]

SOURCE 21.12 Goebbels speaking at the Berlin Sport Palace in February 1943

ACTIVITY

Study Sources 21.11 and 21.12. How does Goebbels try to gain support for the war? How might the location help achieve the desired effect?