



# History Revision Booklet

## AB Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship

### Answers



# GERMANY: DEMOCRACY & DICTATORSHIP TIMELINE(1)

1918

1918 - Abdication of the Kaiser

1918 -  
Armistice

1918 - The German Revolution



1919

1919 - Weimar Constitution

1919 - Spartacist Uprising

1919 - Treaty of Versailles



1920

1920 - Kapp  
Putsch

1920 - German Workers' Party  
announced 25 Point Programme

1923

1923 - January French occupation  
of the Ruhr

1923 - Hyperinflation

1923 - August - Stresemann  
became Chancellor and  
Foreign Minister

1923 -  
November -  
Munich Putsch



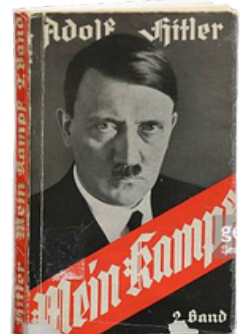
1924

1924 - Dawes  
Plan

1925

1925 - Mein  
Kampf published

1925 - Locarno Pact



1926

1926 - Membership of the  
League of Nations

1926 - Bamberg  
Conference

1927

1927 - Fritz  
Lang's film  
Metropolis  
released



1928

1928 - Kellogg-Briand Pact

1929

1929 - October -  
Wall Street  
Crash

1929 - Young Plan



# GERMANY: DEMOCRACY & DICTATORSHIP

## TIMELINE(2)

1932

1932 - March-April - Presidential election

1932 - July - NSDAP largest party in Reichstag



1933

1933 - January - Hitler appointed Chancellor

1933 - February - Reichstag Fire



1933 - March - First Nazi concentration camp at Dachau



1933 - March - Enabling Law

1933 - April - Shop boycott

1933 - April - Gestapo set up

1933 - July - Concordat with Catholic Church

1934

1934 - June - Night of the Long Knives

1934 - August - Death of Hindenburg

1934 - August - Hitler becomes Führer



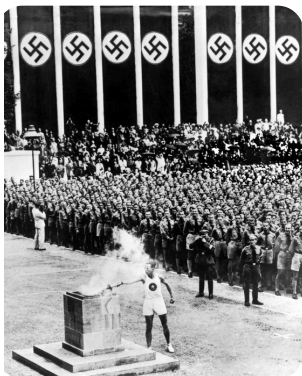
1935

1935 - Nuremberg Laws

1936

1936 - Berlin Olympics

1936 - December - Nazi Youth organisation membership compulsory for most young people



1938

1938 - November Kristallnacht



1941

1941 - Start of Final Solution

1944

1944 - July Bomb Plot



## Constitution of Empire's Central Government

Emperor (Kaiser)

Chancellor

Bundesrat

Bundestag

Prussian military chiefs dominated army, legal system and Bundesrat

## Industrialisation

- Increased rural population in towns/cities
- Poorer working and living conditions ignored by Kaiser
- Shift from agricultural production to heavy industry

SDP grew in Reichstag as workers supported **socialist** policies - passed **reforms** to extend health & accident insurance, reduce child labour, introduce industrial arbitration courts

**Military defeat** - Treaty of Versailles limited Germany's armed forces and enforced heavy financial reparations

War weariness

**Occupation of the Ruhr** - French army occupied Ruhr after Germany couldn't pay reparations

**Hyperinflation** - extreme inflation caused by raw material shortages during workers' passive resistance

Impact of WW1

**Food shortages** - caused unrest

**The German Revolution** - led to Kaiser's abdication and new Weimar Government

## Opposition to Weimar

**Left** - KPD wanted communist state  
**Right** - wanted capitalism and to bring back Kaiser  
**Freikorps** - former soldiers made unemployed by Treaty of Versailles

## Weimar Culture

- Dada Movement
- Kammerspielfilm
- New Objectivity
- The Bauhaus school
- Famous films included Nosferatu (1922) and Phantom (1922)
- Albert Einstein worked in Germany (1920s)
- Jazz influence from US

# 1. THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRACY

## Spartacist Uprising 4th-15th Jan 1919

- Led by **Karl Liebknecht** and **Rosa Luxemburg** (communist)
- **100,000 workers** went on strike and demonstrated in Berlin
- Liebknecht & Luxemburg were arrested and brutally **murdered** by **Freikorps**

## Kapp Putsch March 1920

- The gov tried to disband the Freikorps
- **5,000 Freikorps** marched on Berlin, captured Berlin and declare new gov lead by **Wolfgang Kapp**
- Ebert calls for **general strike**, Berlin at standstill and putsch collapsed after 4 days

## Munich Putsch 8th-9th Nov 1923

- Hitler and **SA** marched on Munich but were betrayed by **Kahr** and **Lossow**
- Rebellion was defeated by Kahr's army reinforcements, Hitler arrested - wrote **Mein Kampf** in prison and made speech at televised trial

Naval expansion from 1898 - **Weltpolitik** & **Navy Laws**

Caused budget deficit and debt but pleased Kaiser who wanted Germany to be a world power

**Stresemann** - Chancellor in Aug 1923, called off passive resistance in Ruhr, responsible for Rentenmark

Economic Recovery

**The Young Plan** - Agreement between Allies and Germany to cut reparations from £6.6 billion to £2 billion

**The Dawes Plan** - Agreement between Allies and Germany to reduce reparations to £50 million per year and USA loaned Germany \$25 billion

**The Rentenmark** - New currency which was backed by gold and controlled by the national bank

**Kellogg-Briand Pact** - renounced war as a method of solving international disputes

**Locarno Pact** - agreed peace in Europe and guaranteed borders

**League of Nations** - Germany joined, seen as equal peacekeeping power to Allies



# Germany and the Growth of Democracy

## Quiz Questions

Take 5 minutes to study the Cheat Sheet on this topic, then see how many questions you can get right without looking!



1. Who was the most powerful within the constitution of the Empire's Central Government?

**Kaiser / Emperor**

2. Who led the Spartacist Uprising in 1919?

**Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg**

3. Give one condition of the Treaty of Versailles that negatively impacted Germany:

**Reduced military, Rhineland demilitarised, Reparations, Blame**

4. How many Freikorps marched on Berlin during the Kapp Putsch?

**5,000**

5. When did France occupy the Ruhr?

**December 1922**

6. Who was the Chancellor in August 1923?

**Stresemann**

7. How much did the Young Plan reduce Germany's reparations to the Allies?

**From £6.6 billion to £2 billion - cut by £4.6 billion**

8. Which pact agreed peace in Europe and guaranteed borders?

**Locarno Pact**

9. Describe one aspect of Weimar culture:

**Dada Movement, Kammerspielfilm, New Objectivity, The Bauhaus School etc.**

10. Who betrayed Hitler during the Munich Putsch?

**Kahr & Lossow**

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- 1921 - Hitler created the **SA** to be Nazi's private army
- Intimidated opponents and protected rallies
- Known as the Brownshirts
- In 1932 had **400,000** members
- By 1933 had **2 million** members



SA - protected party and created jobs

Volksgemeinschaft - people's community

Increase in Nazi Popularity

Villainisation of Jewish people

The Führer cult

- **KDP** (left) increased their vote share from 10% to 15%
- By 1932 parties committed to the destruction of the Weimar Republic held 319/608 seats



- **Brüning** resigns in May 1932 and **Von Papen** becomes Chancellor
- July - Nazis become largest party with 230 seats in Reichstag
- Nov - Von Papen calls election, Nazis lose 34 seats but still hold majority
- Dec - Von Papen told to resign by Hindenburg and **Von Schleicher** appointed Chancellor
- Jan - Von Schleicher unpopular, Von Papen persuaded Hindenburg to replace **Hitler** as **Chancellor** and Papen as Vice - Chancellor, thinking he could control Hitler

2nd August 1934 - **Hindenburg died**

Hitler combined roles of president and chancellor and became **Führer** and army had to swear an oath of allegiance to him

- **SA** under the command of **Röhm** had **3 million** members
- The SA were more loyal to Röhm than Hitler and were no longer needed
- Röhm **disagreed** with some of Hitler's ideas



## 2.GERMANY AND THE DEPRESSION

**Reichstag Fire 27th Feb 1933**

- Reichstag building was set on fire
- Dutch communist **Van der Lubbe** was arrested and blamed for the fire
- Hitler persuaded Hindenburg that Germany was on the brink of a communist revolution, and he should use **Article 48** to pass Reichstag Fire Decree
- In Reichstag elections on 5th March Hitler got **44% of vote** but still had to join with nationalists for majority

**Night of the Long Knives**  
Himmler told Hitler that Röhm was going to attempt a coup

**30th June 1934** - **Röhm** and around **400** members of SA were murdered by SS, including Von Schleicher



**Enabling Act 1933**

- Allows Hitler to enact new laws without the consent of the President or the Reichstag for 4 years
- Reichstag were intimidated into passing act, **444 in favour**, 94 against
- On 2nd May Hitler banned **trade unions**
- On 14th July all **political parties** other than Nazis were banned

**Reichstag Fire Decree**

Suspended **freedom of expression**  
Right of **free association** and **public assembly** was suspended  
Mass arrests of **communists**



# Germany and the Depression

## Quiz Questions

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1. What did the Enabling Act 1933 allow Hitler to do?

**Enact new laws without the consent of the President or the Reichstag for 4 years**

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2. Give one reason for the increase in Nazi popularity:

**SA, Villainisation of Jewish people, Fuhrer cult, Volksgemeinschaft**

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3. Who controlled the SA?

**Röhm**

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4. What roles were combined for Hitler to become Führer?

**President and Chancellor**

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5. How many SA members were killed during the Night of the Long Knives?

**Around 400**

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6. Why was Hindenburg willing to make Hitler Chancellor?

**Because he was persuaded by Von Papen who thought he could control Hitler**

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7. What Article did Hindenburg use to pass the Reichstag Fire Decree?

**Article 48**

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8. Describe one consequence of the Reichstag Fire Decree:

**Suspended freedom of expression, right of free association, public assembly etc.**

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9. What actions did Hitler take towards trade unions?

**Banned trade unions**

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10. Who became Chancellor after Brüning resigned?

**Von Papen**

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### Tackling Unemployment

- Construction of **autobahns** created work for around **80,000 men**, as well as building hospitals, schools and Olympic stadium
- National Labour Service** created in 1933 - provided workforce for public works programme
- Rearmament** - large part in reducing unemployment and stimulating economic growth

Germany claimed **full employment** in **1939**

Many groups of people were not included - **invisible unemployment**

- This included:
- People in army
  - Women
  - Jews



### Impact of WWII

- Rationing - began in 1942
- Area Bombing - 3.6 million homes destroyed
- Refugees - many fled from Soviet soldiers
- Employment - labour shortage



### Beauty of Labour

Encouraged factory owners to improve working conditions

### Strength Through Joy

Rewarded workers for hard work through holidays, theatre trips and other activities

### The Labour Front

Set wages and were meant to replace trade unions

- **Goebbels** was head of the **Ministry of Enlightenment and Propaganda** in Germany
- **Newspapers** were controlled
- **Radios** made affordable so Germans could listen to the Reich Broadcasting Corporation
- 1936 **Berlin Olympics**, Nazis hoped to demonstrate superiority of the Aryans

## 3. EXPERIENCES OF GERMANS UNDER THE NAZIS (1)



### Nuremberg Laws 1935

Stripped Jews of **citizenship**  
Outlawed **marriage** between Jewish and German people  
Took away Jew's **civil** and **political rights**  
By 1938 Jewish children were banned from going to **school** and Jews could not be **doctors**



### Religion

- July 1933 - Nazis reached agreement with Catholic Church named **Concordat** - separated the Catholic Church from the Nazi party and granted it certain freedoms
- Hitler broke the agreement and **400 Catholic priests** were sent to **Dachau** concentration camp
- A state **Reich Church** was created to unify Protestantism and promote Nazi ideas

**Kinder** - Hitler wanted high birth rate so financial incentives given to parents with more children

**Mother's Cross** awarded to women with multiple children

Three Ks

**Kirche** - Women were expected to go to church and wear traditional, modest clothing

**Küche** - Nazis believed women belonged in the kitchen and were discouraged from paid work

- **Hitler Youth** - aim was to prepare boys for the military
- **League of German Maidens** - aim was to prepare girls to be housewives

### Education

- **PE** was high priority to prepare children for the military
- **Eugenics** taught in biology (selective breeding of Aryan race)
- **Race studies** introduced as a subject
- **History** pushed pro-Nazi narrative



**Art** - Experimental Weimar art was censored, promotion of art that showed Aryan race

**Architecture** - reflected power of Nazi regime, Olympic stadium example of this

**Art and Culture**



**Literature** - Mass book burnings, Nazis' political plays unpopular so had to allow classics e.g. Shakespeare

**Film** - Patriotic films commissioned



**SD (Sicherheitsdienst)** - led by Heydrich, identified potential threats and removed them

**Police State**

**SS (Schutzstaffel)** - led by Himmler, removed opposition and set up concentration camps

**Gestapo** - set up by Goering, arrested those who showed resistance to Nazis and sent to camps

### Concentration Camps

- Initially to imprison political opponents - **communists**, **trade unionists** and those with **left-wing** views
- Then used to imprison minority groups such as **Jewish** people and **homosexual** people
- Conditions were horrific and prisoners were subjected to **hard labour**
- At the **Wannsee Conference 1942** the **Final Solution** was passed which authorised death camps where prisoners were murdered on a large scale



## 3. EXPERIENCES OF GERMANS UNDER THE NAZIS 2

### Legal System

- All judges had to join the **Nazi Lawyers' Association**
- Judges** had to wear the **swastika** and Nazi eagle on their robes
- Judges had to swear **oath** to Hitler
- A **New People's Court** was established for cases of treason

### Protestant Opposition

- Niemöller** led pastors in forming **Confessional Church** and **Pastor's Emergency League**
- Niemöller preached that people should obey God not Hitler
- Pastor Dietrich **Bonhoeffer** was linked to a bomb plot against Hitler and was executed
- 800 clergy** were sent to concentration camps including Niemöller
- Hitler had to restore Protestant Church's independence in 1937 due to opposition



➡ **Edelweiss Pirates** - working-class youths, made anti-Nazi slogans and created no-go areas for Hitler Youth. In 1944 they killed Gestapo chief in Cologne, and 12 members were publicly hung

➡ **White Rose Group** - Munich University students formed in 1943, published anti-Nazi leaflets, leaders were hung and guillotined

➡ **Swing Youth** - Middle-class youths who engaged in frowned upon activities such as dancing and jazz music, Gestapo would raid their clubs



### Catholic Opposition

- Pope issued message '**With Burning Concern**' which described Hitler as 'a mad prophet with repulsive arrogance'
- 400 Catholic priests** were sent to Dachau concentration camp
- Catholic Archbishop of Munster, **Von Galen**, successfully led a campaign to end euthanasia of mentally disabled people

# The Experiences of Germans Under the Nazis

## Quiz Questions

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1. Name one youth Nazi opposition group:

**Edelweiss Pirates, White Rose Group, Swing Youth**

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2. Name a sector of the police state and describe their activities:

**E.g., SS - removed opposition and set up concentration camps**

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3. What was the title of the Pope's message condemning Hitler?

**With Burning Concern**

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4. What were the secret police called, set up by Goering?

**Gestapo**

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5. In which conference was the Final Solution Passed?

**Wannsee Conference 1942**

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6. What did judges have to wear on their robes?

**Swastikas**

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7. How was literature affected by the Nazi regime?

**Mass book burnings**

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8. Describe one measure taken to improve working conditions:

**Beauty of Labour, Strength Through Joy, The Labour Front**

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9. Who led pastors in forming Confessional Church and Pastor's Emergency League?

**Niemöller**

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10. What did the three Ks stand for?

**Kinder, Kirche, Küche (Children, Church, Kitchen)**

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