

OBHS Core Questions:

Subject: History

Year and Term: Year 11 Autumn 2

Topic: Germany, 1918-39



Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write' method.

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| 1. | What was the Weimar Republic? | Germany's new democratic government set up after World War I. |
| 2. | When was the Weimar Republic established? | 1919. |
| 3. | Who was the first President of the Weimar Republic? | Friedrich Ebert. |
| 4. | What was the Treaty of Versailles? | A peace treaty that blamed Germany for WWI and punished it harshly. |
| 5. | When was the Treaty of Versailles signed? | June 1919. |
| 6. | Why did Germans hate the Treaty of Versailles? | It blamed them for the war, took land, limited the army and forced them to pay reparations. |
| 7. | What were the terms of the Treaty of Versailles? | War guilt, reparations, army limited to 100,000 men, no air force or tanks, loss of land. |
| 8. | What was the 'stab in the back' myth? | The idea that Germany lost WWI because politicians betrayed the army. |
| 9. | What was the Spartacist Uprising (1919)? | A left-wing communist revolt led by Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht. (1920)? |
| 10. | What was the Kapp Putsch (1920)? | A right-wing attempt to take over Berlin using ex-soldiers called Freikorps. |
| 11. | What caused hyperinflation in 1923? | Germany printed money to pay workers during the Ruhr crisis. |
| 12. | What happened during hyperinflation? | Prices went up very fast and money became worthless. |
| 13. | What was the occupation of the Ruhr? | French and Belgian troops took over Germany's Ruhr region in 1923 to get reparations. |
| 14. | Who was Gustav Stresemann? | A German politician who helped stabilise the economy and improve foreign relations. |
| 15. | What was the Rentenmark? | A new currency introduced by Stresemann to stop hyperinflation. |
| 16. | What was the Dawes Plan (1924)? | A plan for the USA to lend money to Germany to help pay reparations. |
| 17. | What was the Young Plan (1929)? | A plan to reduce Germany's reparations and extend the time to pay. |
| 18. | What was the Golden Age of Weimar Germany? | A period of stability, culture, and prosperity from 1924 to 1929. |
| 19. | Why was the Weimar Republic always unstable? | It had many enemies, weak coalition governments and economic problems. |
| 20. | How did the Great Depression affect Weimar Germany? | It caused mass unemployment and made people lose faith in democracy. |