

Year 12 Summer Project: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963

You have chosen to study an extremely highly regarded subject at A-level. To ensure that you are successful you will need to complete a project that will help you gain the necessary skills and knowledge to make a really successful start in your course. It will also demonstrate the amount of commitment you have to the course.

These 10 tasks are designed to help you to prepare for A-Level History and need to be completed prior to you starting the course in September. Keep your work in a folder and bring it with you to your first lesson.

I look forward to seeing you next year!

Miss Graham

Task 1 – Impact of WWI

- Create a mind-map on the political, social, economic and psychological impact of WWI on Germany.

Task 2

- Answer the following question: 'The most serious impact of the First World War on Germany was political'. How far do you agree?
 - Make sure you explain both sides of the argument and come to an overall conclusion.

Task 3 – Treaty of Versailles

- Write down the key terms of the Treaty of Versailles and then answer the following questions:
 1. How would the German's feel about the Treaty of Versailles? Explain your answer.
 2. How would the Allies feel about the Treaty of Versailles? Explain your answer.

Task 4 – Weimar Constitution

- Create a diagram to show the structure of the Weimar Constitution.

Task 5 – Problems facing Weimar

- Research the problems facing the Weimar Republic between 1919-1923 and complete the tasks.

Task 6 – Kapp Putsch and Munich Putsch

- Create a timeline of these two events and then explain whether the Kapp Putsch or Munich Putsch was most significant and why.

Task 7 – Great Depression

- Research the Great Depression and take notes on the events and impacts of it.

Task 8 – Invasion of the Ruhr and Hyperinflation

- Take notes on the invasion of the Ruhr and hyperinflation, and create a government announcement from the German perspective showing the impact of the invasion of the Ruhr and hyperinflation.

Task 9 – Gustav Stresemann

- Create a profile on Gustav Stresemann. Make sure you include the changes he made and how he helped Germany. You then need to come to an overall conclusion on what impact Stresemann had on aiding Germany's recovery.

Task 10 – Interpretation

'The Weimar Republic never really won the loyalty of the German people, and economically it was burdened by the legacy of a lost war and the heavy costs of running a welfare state.'

1. What is the view of the interpretation?
2. What knowledge do you have that supports the interpretation?
3. What knowledge do you have that challenges the interpretation?