**FOREIGN POLICY OF WEIMAR REPUBLIC**

***LOCARNO TREATIES 1925* 4 BORDERS**

***LEAGUE OF NATIONS 1926* 4 RESPECT**

***KELLOG – BRIAND PACT 1928* 4 PEACE**

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**WEIMAR GERMANY 1918-1924**

* **November Criminals – Stab in the Back theory**
* **Treaty of Versailles 1919 - BRAT**
* **Blame for the War**
* **Reparations to pay – 1922 6.6 billion to pay**
* **Armed forces - reduced to 100,000**
* **Territories lost in the Rhine – lose 10% of land**
* **Spartacist Uprising – Communists crushed by Freikorps**
* **Kapp Putsch – Wolfgang Kapp defeated by army**
* **Hyperinflation 1923**

*CONTEXT :* ***🡪*** *WORLD WAR ONE 1914-1918 – GERMANY SURRENDER TO THE ALLIES*

* WEIMAR *REPUBLIC CREATED IN 1920*

**HITLER INTO POWER – 1929 – 1934**

* **In 1928: Nazis 12 seats in the Reichstag**
* **April 1932 🡪 Presidential election, came second**
* **July 1932 🡪 Nazi biggest party in Reichstag**
* **November 1932 🡪 Von Papen calls election, Nazis still biggest party but lost 34 seats**
* **January 1933 🡪 Hitler becomes Chancellor**
* ***ROAD TO DICTATORSHIP…***
* **Feb 1933 – Reichstag Fire blamed on communist**
* **March 1933 – Enabling Act – all power of law**
* **July 1933 – Political parties banned**
* **June 1934 – Night of the Long Knives**
* **- August 1934 – Hindenburg dies, Hitler is FUHRER**

**Concordat – control of the Church**

**WEIMAR AND STRESEMANN 1924 - 1929**

* **Stresemann is Foreign Minister**
* **Rentenmark 1925**
* **Wall Street Crash 1929**
* **Ends Hyperinflation by**
* **Dawes Plan – 800 million from US**
* **Young Plan – 20% off reparations**
* **Stopped passive resistance in the Ruhr**
* **STILL WEIMAR ONLY PARTLY RECOVERED!**
* **2 million unemployed in 1929**

**Impact of WW2**

**Who supported the Nazis?**

Life in Germany

**Conditions on Home Front**

***Wehrmacht* / Rations of food, soap and textiles began in August 1939 / 1940: 50 per cent of German workers were involved in war production (*Total War)* / 500,000 German civilians had been killed by bombing at the end of the war/ The ‘thousand bomber’ attacks Opposition to Nazis**

**14,000 Germans in political concentration camps/ White Rose Organisation/ Bonhoeffer/Colonel von Stauffenberg tried killing Hitler/Hitler Youth disobedience**

**Treatment of Jews - Einsatzgruppen killing squad/**

**6 million Jewish deaths in the Holocaust/ concentration camps/Final Solution 1941**

**Defeat – Denazification/Inflation/**

**Deindustrialisation**

**Economic Control : *Autarky*: German job**

**creation. Creation of 80,000 jobs through autobahns.**

**NLS, Rearmament led to 1.4 million army jobs in 1939.**

**Women: Kinder, Kuche, Kirche – Children, Church and Kitchen**

**Workers Control: DAF (German Labour Front), Strength through Joy, blacklisted if complained about working conditions**

**Children and Education: Indoctrination, Hitler Youth compulsory**

**in 1936, The League of German Maidens for girls**

**Treatment of Jews up to 1939: Kristillnacht 1938,**

**Nuremberg Laws 1935, boycott of Jewish**

**businesses.**

**Wealthy businessmen – didn’t like communists**

**Middle class – failure of democracy needed a strong dictator**

**Nationalists – also hated Treaty of Versailles**

**Rural areas – were promised economic support**

**🡪Fuhrer Cult in PROPOGANDA organised by Josef Goebbels**

**🡪Volksgemeinschaft (people’s community)**

**🡪Organisation of the SA**

**🡪 Scapegoating the Jews**

**BUILD UP TO WAR: 🡪 HITLER WANTED LEBENSRAUM (living space)**

**🡪 DESTROY SOVIET UNION COMMUNISM**

**🡪REVENGE FOR TREATY OF VERSAILLES**