

The Weimer Republic

Weimer Constitution

- Positives: Guaranteed civil liberties, direct elections of govt officials.
- Negatives: President had power to remove officials, creating a presidential dictatorship.

Kapp Putsch

- Armed insurrection erupts in Berlin in 1920- failed.



Problems

- Strikes in the Ruhr Region.
- Allied forces threaten to occupy Germany.
- Violence against Republican leaders in govt.
- Owed 132 billion in gold marks to Allies

Inflation

- Deficit spending leads to value drop of German currency.
- 1914- 4.2:1 ratio vs. U.S. dollar
- 1921- 64:1
- 1923- 800,000,000:1



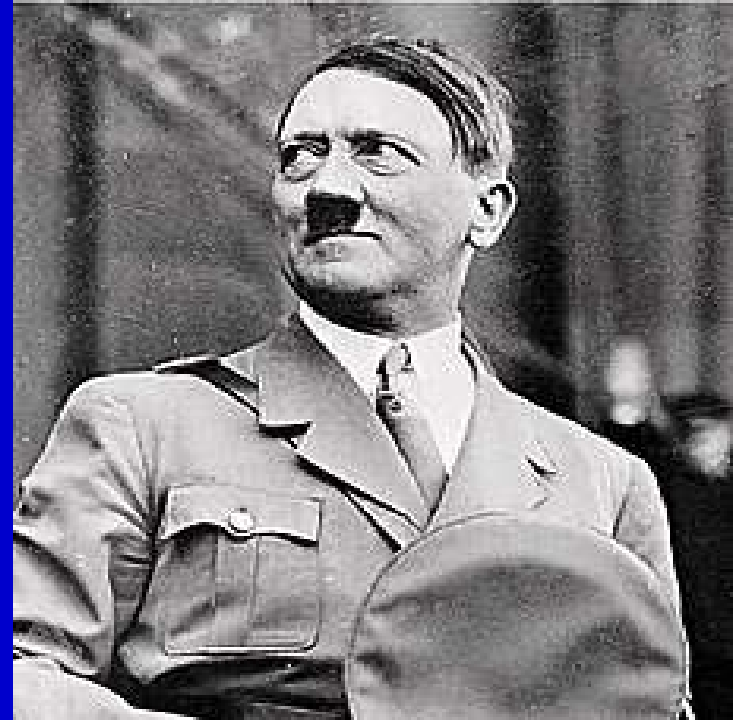
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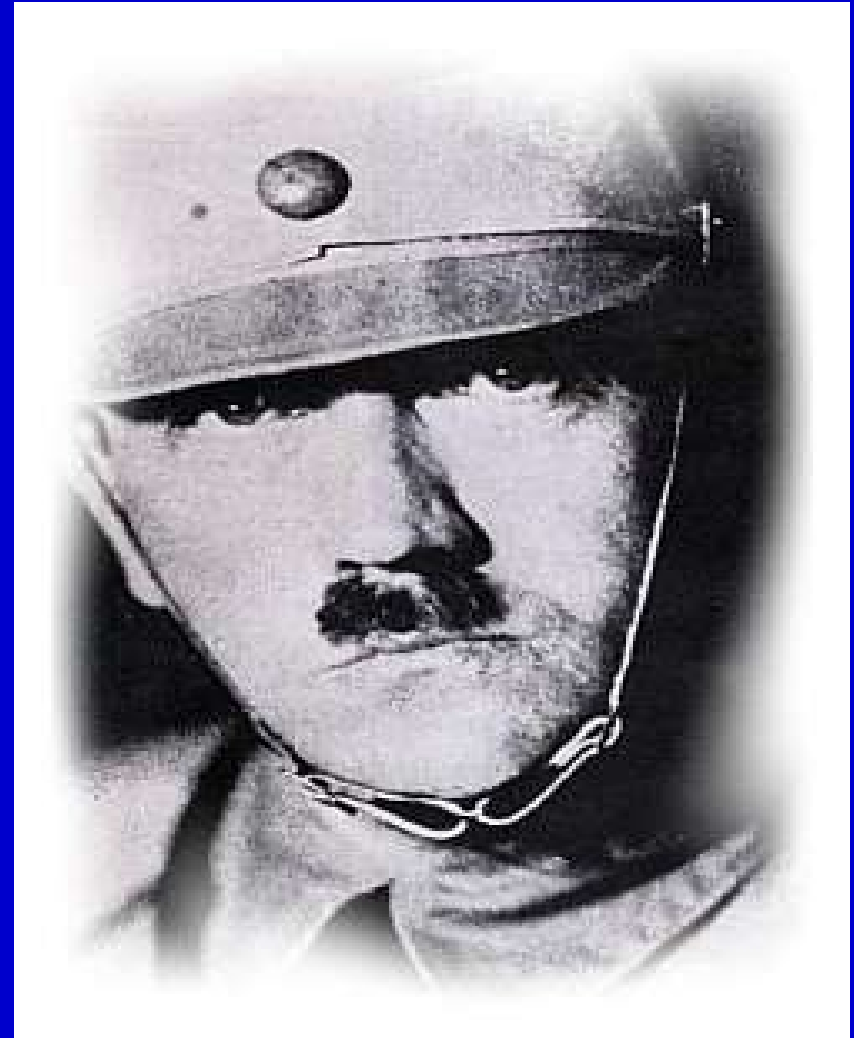
Adolf Hitler

- Hated Marxism which he associated with the Jews.
- Extremely nationalistic
- Very Racist



Early Life

- Adolf Hitler fought in the German army
- Awarded the Iron Cross for bravery.
- Became associated w/ Nazi Party, which was very small in 1920.



Popularity of the Nazis

- Supported by all facets after the issuance of the 25 Points.



SA

- “Storm troopers”
headed by Ernst
Roehm



Beer Hall Putsch

- Attempted coup, failed.
- 16 Nazis killed.
- Hitler and Ludendorff arrested.
- Received 5 years in prison, only spent 3 months



VIEWMAGICS

Mein Kampf

- “My Struggle”
- Autobiography which outlined his anti-Semitic views, anti-Marxist, and goals for Germany



Locarno Agreements of 1925

- France, German- western borders agreed upon
- German membership to League of Nations
- Eastern German border- still vague and open to interpretation (which will lead to problems prior to WWII)

“So whatever happened with that art school? Gonna give that another try?” ~Peter Griffin

