



Weimar Germany – Questions and Answers

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What did the Kaiser of Germany (Wilhelm II) do towards the end of WW1?	He abdicated
Why were many Germans starving?	The wartime blockade by the British navy stopped supplies entering Germany.
Which extremists had already begun to plot revolutions against the German government?	Communists
Why were many Germans demoralised and bitter by 1919?	Defeat in the First World War
Who was the first President of Germany?	Friedrich Ebert
Why was he unpopular with some Germans?	He led the government that signed the Treaty of Versailles
Which attempted Communist revolt took place in January 1919?	Spartacist Revolt
Who were the leaders of this group?	Karl Liebnecht and Rosa Luxemburg



How did the revolt end?	The government called on the Freikorps militia to put down the rebels
What happened to the leaders of the revolt?	They were killed
What name is given to the Freikorps' attempt to seize power in March 1920?	Kapp Putsch
Which General assisted Wolfgang Kapp?	General Luttwitz
In which city did this uprising take place?	Berlin
How did Ebert respond to the uprising?	Called for a general strike
Which extremist political part was taken over by Adolf Hitler in 1921?	German Workers Party
What happened after the Weimar government stopped paying reparations in 1922?	The armies of France and Belgium occupied the Ruhr
How did the Weimar government respond to the occupation?	Called for workers in Ruhr to go on strike
What was the effect of the Weimar government printing more money?	Hyperinflation
What effect did this have on the German economy?	Prices skyrocketed , many people lost their savings , pensions were reunited



Who became Chancellor in 1923?	Gustav Stresemann
How did he deal with hyperinflation?	Destroyed the old banknotes and introduced the Rentenmark
How did he deal with the problems in the Ruhr?	Called off the strike
What is the name of the plan that borrowed money from the USA?	Dawes Plan
What was the effect of the new trade that his created?	Improved international relations
Which 1925 agreement said that Germany would respect its western borders?	Locarno Pact
When was Germany allowed to join the League of Nations?	1926
Which changes in Germany were disliked by traditional citizens?	New art movements
Why did Proportional Representation create problems for the government?	It caused coalition governments who struggled to work together
Why was the Dawes Plan a problem for Germany?	It was a loan . The USA could demand the money back at any point, which would leave Germany's economy in big trouble.