Unit 2 Revision Work Sheet 1

Weimar Germany

**Your task** is to produce an attractive document or series of Powerpoint slides or timelines or mind maps to help you to revise.

You must decide what is the best way for you to learn but **simply sitting down and reading** **the booklet is not an option**.

You are to upload the notes you make on the relevant place on GOL for your tutor to assess.

The booklet is on GOL if you have lost it.

The key themes to revise for this period are:

* Why the Weimar government managed to survive the crisis years of 1919-1923
* The extent of recovery and growth of stability in the mid-1920s
* The reasons why the Weimar government was able to survive the 1920s
* The impact of the Great Depression
* The reasons for the Nazi Party’s rise to power

**Focus for Revision/Tasks**

1. What problems were caused for the German government by a) the First World War b) the ‘stab in the back’ myth c) the Weimar constitution d) the Treaty of Versailles?
2. How serious was the political opposition faced by the Weimar government in the period 1919-1923?
3. Why did the government manage to survive the crisis years of 1919-1923? Identify 4 factors and rank these in order of importance.
4. How far did Germany recover economically and politically in the years 1923-29?
5. Explain the role of the following in the Nazi rise to power: a) the Great Depression b) the personal charisma of Hitler c) the strengths of the Nazi party d) the role of ‘backstairs intrigue’. Which factor was most significant in the Nazis’ rise to popularity? Which factor was most significant in the appointment of Hitler as chancellor?
6. Why did the government manage to survive the 1920s? Identify 4 factors and rank these in order of importance.

The link to the OCR text book for this course (Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963) is on GOL. Please read it online. Don’t download it as this is expensive. There are other recommendations for reading in your booklet and on GOL.