

HISTORY – YEAR 11 – THE ORIGINS OF THE WEIMAR REPUBLIC, 1918-29



A KEY DATES		
1	9 th Nov 1918	Kaiser Wilhelm abdicates throne.
2	11 th Nov 1918	Armistice signed ending First World War.
3	Jan 1919	Sparticist Uprising / First Weimar elections.
4	28 th June 1919	Treaty of Versailles signed.
5	March 1920	Kapp Putsch.
6	Jan 1923	Occupation of the Ruhr and Hyperinflation.
7	13 th Aug 1923	Gustav Stresemann appointed Chancellor
8	Nov 1923	New currency – The Rentenmark – introduced.
9	1 st Dec 1925	Locarno Pact – Germany accepts borders.
10	1926	Germany joins League of Nations.
11	7 th June 1929	Young Plan – restructures reparations payments.

B KEY PEOPLE		
1	Kaiser Wilhelm	Former King of Germany.
2	Freidrich Ebert	First elected President of Germany.
3	Rosa Luxemburg	Leader of the Sparticists.
4	Wolfgang Kapp	Leader of the Kapp Putsch.
5	Erich Mendelsohn	Architect- designed Einstein tower.
6	Otto Dix	Expressionist / modernist painter.
7	Fritz Lang	Director of Metropolis.
8	Matthias Erzberger	Weimar politician, signed Armistice ending the war, assassinated.

A KEY TERMS/CONCEPTS		
1	Dolchstoss	'Stab in the back' theory.
2	Constitution	A set of rules for Weimar Germany.
3	Republic	A country ruled only by a parliament
4	Article 48	Gave German President special powers.
5	Proportional Representation	Each political party was given a % of seats in parliament equal to the % of the vote. Allowed extreme parties power.
6	Coalition government	Many parties had to work together in parliament, making them weaker.
7	Right-wing	Believed in nationalism and authority.
8	Left-wing	Supported workers rights / communism.
9	Freikorps	Ex – army soldiers who kept weapons.
10	Treaty of Versailles	The peace treaty punishing Germany at the end of the First World War – Guilt / Armed Forces / Reparations / German Land / League Of Nations
11	The Ruhr	Industrial area of Germany ,occupied by French soldiers for reparations.
12	Hyper inflation	By 1923, a loaf of bread cost 200, 000 billion marks.
13	Foreign Policy	Stresemann signed Locarno Pact (borders) / Young Plan (reparations).
14	Standard of living	Unemployment decreased / wages increased 25% / Housing improved.
15	Women	Women given right to vote in 1918 / women gained jobs but were paid less.