



Weimar Republic Questions

1. German problems with the Treaty of Versailles (1919)

Treaty of Versailles	What characteristic of PERSIA?	Predict Why do you think this could be a problem?	What was the outcome?
Massively reduced military capability			
Germany loses disputed land on borders			
Germany loses all their colonies			
‘War guilt’ clause (Article 231) imposed			
Reparations fixed at very high levels			

2. What kind of change in government (political system) occurred between 1870 when Germany was founded to 1919? From what political system to what new political system.
3. What is the Reichstag?
4. How is the President chosen?
5. How is the Chancellor chosen?
6. If Hitler was not elected President, how do you predict he will become Chancellor of Germany?
7. How much power does the Chancellor have?
8. What rights do Germans have under their new constitution?
9. What is Article 48 under the Weimar Constitution?
10. Why is Article 48 a potential problem?
11. What is a putsch?

12. How can a putsch effect the Weimar Republic? Hint: Think about the people's feelings about their government

13. Based upon the chart of elections in Germany, what is happening to the Nazi party? Why do you think this is occurring?

14. Based upon the chart of elections in Germany, what political party is continually gaining seats in the Reichstag? How can this be considered a problem for the German republic?

15. Based upon the chart of elections in Germany, what economic problem could have caused a sharp rise in the Nazi party between 1928 and 1930, and between 1930 and 1932?



16. How do the two political cartoons below represent the views of what happened to Germany in World War I and with the Treaty of Versailles?