

Aim: How did fascism affect Germany?

### I. Fascism in Germany

- After World War I, the Weimar Republic began
- The attempted to create a democracy, but problems existed
- A political party named The National Socialist German Workers' Party will begin its rise to power

### II. Adolf Hitler

- a. Hitler joins Nazi Party in 1921
- b. 1923 starts the Beer Hall Putsch (attempted overthrow the government)
- c. 1924 sentenced to 5 years in prison
- d. In prison Hitler writes *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle)
- e. This book became the key to Hitler's success

### III. The Nazi Party

- 1926, Hitler became supreme leader of Nazis (Führer).
- October 29, 1929, the Wall Street stock market crashed
- Unemployment rose
- In 1932 Hitler ran for president but was defeated
- Hitler gained widespread support and became chancellor in 1933
- He soon concentrated power to the Nazi Party.

### IV. Hitler Becomes Dictator

- i The Reichstag was burned on February 27.
- ii The Reichstag Fire was blamed on the Communists.
- iii Hitler suspended many constitutional rights.
- iv Hitler proposed the Enabling Act, which gave him dictatorial powers
- v Hitler became dictator of Germany in March 1933.

### V. Consolidation of Power

- a. This was the birth of the Third Reich in German history.
- b. Hindenburg died in 1934
- c. Hitler became the sole ruler of Germany.

### VI. Totalitarian Reign

- Banned all political parties.
- Big business under government control.
- Outlawed freedom of the press
- Secret state police hunted down its enemies
- 1933 saw the birth of the first concentration camps for enemies of the state.

### VII Rebuilding Germany

- Hitler launched large public works:
  - the construction of superhighways (autobahns),

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- Hitler wanted to rearm Germany, in violation of the Versailles Treaty.
- Ended unemployment in Germany
- Germany was the first country to rise up from the depression.

VIII. The Night of Long Knives

- a. Hitler feared that others wanted his power.
- b. The Night of Long Knives
- c. During the next 24 hours 200 other senior SA officers were arrested.
- d. Many were shot as soon as they were captured