

The Weimar Republic: Early Crises

Results Sheet: Political Uprisings

<p>The Left</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims • Rebellion January 1919 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-democratic, Soviet Germany like in Russia • Spartacists set up soviets in many towns • defeated by government army & Freikorps
<p>The Right</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims • Kapp-Putsch 1923 1920 • Munich-Putsch 1923 • Reactions to Versailles • Reactions to the Weimar Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dictatorship • strong army • strong industry • empire → new Imperial Germany • 5000 Freikorps led by Kapp invade Berlin • army refuses to fire • people go on strike → no transport, power, water • Kapp gives up • Hitler wants to take over Bavaria • Nazis vs. Police → Nazis lose • Hitler's miscalculation: not enough public support • Treaty of Versailles is complete opposite of their aims → angry, appalled, felt stabbed in the back • democracy, but Nazis wanted a dictatorship → complete opposite

Treatment of the ...	
• ... Left	• rebellion violently stopped • leaders murdered
• ... Right	• punished lightly because of friends in high places

Results Sheet: Economic Disaster

<p>The Ruhr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • occupation • poster messages • reparations 	<p>1923: France occupies Ruhr area</p> <p>→ take natural resources to pay own debts to USA</p> <p>• Germany strikes → France kills workers/expels protesters</p> <p>→ collapse of German currency</p> <p>S9: Germans shall boycott French/Belgian goods due to French occupation in the Ruhr area</p> <p>S10: Britain & France think Germany is overreaching</p> <p>→ Germany tries to trick them</p> <p>Germany has to pay £6600 million in annual instalments</p> <p>1921: Germany pays £50 million</p> <p>1922: Germany pays nothing</p> <p>→ played on time & negotiations</p>
<p>Hyperinflation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meaning • the value of money • impact on Germans 	<p>• country has no goods to trade</p> <p>→ government prints money</p> <p>→ country pays off its debts <u>POT</u></p> <p>→ money becomes worthless</p> <p>e.g.: Nov. 1923: 1 billion mark buy 1 loaf of bread</p> <p>→ daily payment of wages</p> <p>→ poor people suffered</p> <p>→ greatest casualties = richer Germans with savings</p> <p>→ Germans used money to start fire</p>