

GERMANY AFTER WORLD WAR I

# RISE OF FASCISM

# WHAT IS FASCISM?

- Fascism: political movement; Goal = unify state w/ nationalism & militarism
  - War makes a country strong
  - Government (dictator) has all the power
  - Racist! Some races are better than others



# MAKING PREDICTIONS:

- In the next few slides, you will look at images.
- We will not stop to discuss
- As you look at each one, think about:
  - What do you think is going on?
  - How might this be connected to Germany after WW1?















German banknotes being pulped for use as waste paper



Banknotes used to light the stove  
(Berlin: 9 August 1923)

<http://www.vision.net.au/~benjoc/1923.htm>

REICHSBANKNOTE

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# Fünfzig Millionen Mark

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Berlin, den 1. September 1923

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REICHSBANKDIREKTORIUM



*Paula Franz*  
*Bankdirektorin*  
*der Reichsbank*



Date:	German Marks needed to buy one ounce of gold
Jan 1919.....	170.00
Sept 1919.....	499.00
Jan 1920.....	1,340.00
Sept 1920.....	1,201.00
Jan 1921.....	1,349.00
Sept 1921.....	2,175.00
Jan 1922.....	3,976.00
Sept 1922.....	30,381.00
Jan 1923.....	372,477.00
Sept 1923.....	269,439,000.00
Oct 2, 1923.....	6,631,749,000.00
Oct 9, 1923.....	24,868,950,000.00
Oct 16, 1923.....	84,969,072,000.00
Oct 23, 1923.....	1,160,552,882,000.00
Oct 30, 1923.....	1,347,070,000,000.00
Nov 5, 1923.....	8,700,000,000,000.00
Nov 30, 1923.....	87,000,000,000,000.00

# GERMANY AFTER WWI

- Democracy = Weimar Republic
- HUGE economic depression
  - Hyperinflation
  - Major unemployment
- People upset with capitalism, especially middle-class



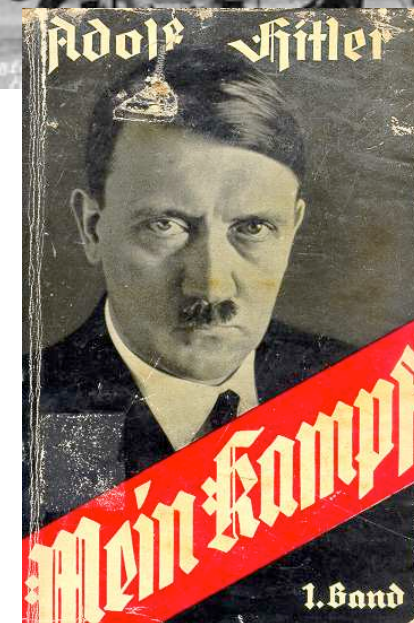
# HITLER: BEFORE POLITICS

- Born in Austria, spent childhood in Germany
- Strong GER nationalist
- Excited to fight for GER during WWI
- Awarded the Iron Cross for bravery
- Angry w/ GER's loss
- Blamed Jews, communists ("stab in the back" legend)



# HITLER: THE NAZI PARTY

- 1919: Joined German Workers' Party
  - Anti-Semitic, nationalist, anti-communist
- Changed name to National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nazi for short) & flag
- 1923: Attempted coup de'etat; failed; Hitler arrested
- Wrote *Mein Kampf* in prison



# HITLER: RISE TO FAME

- Speeches about making GER great again; attacked Treaty of Versailles
- Nazi Party gain power:
  - 1930 = 18% of vote
  - 1932 = 30% of vote
- 1933: President Hindenburg made Hitler Chancellor



# HITLER: FÜHRER

- 1933: The Reichstag (govt. building) burned down
  - Hitler blamed GER communists
- Govt. gave full control over to Hitler's party
- Govt. became Third Reich
- 1934: Hindenburg dies
  - Hitler combines Prez and Chancellor → "legal" dictatorship

*At the risk of appearing to talk nonsense I tell you that the National Socialist movement will go on for 1,000 years! ... Don't forget how people laughed at me 15 years ago when I declared that one day I would govern Germany. They laugh now, just as foolishly, when I declare that I shall remain in power!*



*One People, One Nation, One Leader!*



# Why did Germans Allow Hitler to Come to Power?

- On your binder paper...
- Write a well-developed and structured paragraph that answers the essential question **based** on the sources you read
- Make sure your paragraph follows the proper format:
  - **Topic Sentence/Claim:**
  - **Background/Details:** Provides reader with more info
  - **Evidence:** Quote or paraphrase from your sources (CITE YOUR EVIDENCE BY WRITING THE DOC. LETTER)
  - **Explanation/Analysis:** Tell your reader how your evidence supports your claim
  - **Conclusion:** Wrap up your paragraph