

A level History

My Revision Notes Edexcel A2 History: From Kaiser to Führer: Germany 1900-45

Section 1: The Second Reich – society and government in Germany, c.1900–1919

- The constitution of the Second Reich
- Economic and social developments
- Political developments
- The Kaiser and his Chancellors
- How did the political system work in practice?
- The Second Reich by 1914
- The impact of the First World War on Germany
- The German Revolution, 1918–1919

Section 2: To what extent was Germany responsible for the outbreak of the First World War?

- The historical debate
- Did Germany have a long-term plan for European hegemony?
- Did Germany destabilise peace in Europe before 1914?
- Did German actions in the summer of 1914 cause war in Europe?
- The actions of others and the European system
- Possible interpretations

Section 3: The democratic experiment, 1919–1929

- The Weimar constitution
- The nature of the Weimar Republic's constitution
- The problems of Weimar Germany 1919–1922: the legacy of the Second Reich and the First World War
- The problems of Weimar 1919–1922: political extremists
- 1923 – year of crisis
- How did the Weimar Republic survive its early problems?
- 1924–1929: 'Golden Years' – politics and economics
- 1924–1929: 'Golden Years' – foreign policy and culture

Section 4: The rise of the Nazis

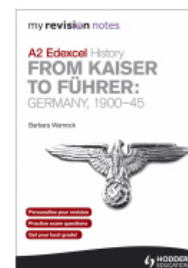
- The origins and ideas of the Nazi Party
- The early years of the party
- Economic and political crisis in Germany, 1929–1933
- The growth of Nazi support
- Support from the conservative elite
- Nazi consolidation of power
- Factors enabling Nazi consolidation of power

Section 5: How popular and efficient was the Nazi regime in the years 1933–1939?

- A consensus dictatorship? Part 1
- A consensus dictatorship? Part 2
- A consensus dictatorship? Part 3
- The role of terror and repression
- An efficient state? Part 1
- An efficient state? Part 2
- An efficient state? Part 3

Section 6: Life in wartime Germany, 1939–1945

- An overview of the Second World War
- Civilian morale during the war
- Opposition during the war
- How efficient was the Nazi war economy?
- The failures of the war economy
- The persecution of the Jews


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