

WEIMAR REPUBLIC GUIDED RESEARCH

Through guided internet research, students will create notes about the Weimar Republic, a bold experiment in a constitutional democracy. Students will draw a conclusion as to why the democracy of the Weimar Republic failed and the implications for the U.S. constitutional democracy.

Guided Question	Resource	Notes
<p>1. How did the Treaty of Versailles, especially Article 231, handicap Germany's recovery after WWI?</p>	<p>United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Holocaust Encyclopedia: https://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005425</p>	
<p>2. The Weimar Assembly created a new democratic constitution for Germany in 1919. How was it similar to the U.S. Constitution?</p>	<p>Alpha History, Weimar Constitution: http://alphahistory.com/weimarrepublic/weimar-constitution/</p>	
<p>3. How did American intervention in 1923 help the Weimar Republic continue?</p>	<p>Alpha History, American Assistance to Germany: http://alphahistory.com/weimarrepublic/american-assistance/</p>	

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<p>4. Hitler's political party became more popular within the Weimar Republic. Describe how Hitler and the NDSAP gained political power.</p>	<p>Alpha History, The Rise of the NSDAP: http://alphahistory.com/weimarrepublic/rise-of-the-nsdap/</p>	
<p>5. Read about the Weimar Republic's failure. Why did the Weimar Republic collapse? How did this collapse contribute to the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party?</p>	<p>Alpha History, Why the Weimar Republic Failed: http://alphahistory.com/weimarrepublic/why-the-weimar-republic-failed/</p>	
<p>6. Draw a Conclusion: Considering what you read about the rise and fall of the Weimar Republic, could the United States be vulnerable to similar threats to its democracy and constitution?</p>		