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Weimar

<b>Key Term</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Anti-Semitism	Hatred and persecution of Jews
Armistice	The ending of war
Aryan	Nazi term for a non-Jewish German, someone who was of 'pure' German stock
Bolshevik Revolution	A revolution in Russia in 1917-18 that overthrew the tsar and brought the Bolsheviks to power
Censorship	Controlling what is produced and suppressing anything considered to be against the state
Civil rights	Basic rights of citizens such as the right to vote, equal treatment under the law etc
Coalition government	A government of two or more political parties
Communist Party ( KPD)	The German Communist Party, following the ideas of Karl Marx
Conscription	Compulsory military service for a certain period of time
Constitution	The rules by which a country is governed
Dawes Plan	Introduced in 1924 to help Germany make their annual reparation payment
Freikorps	Private armies made up by ex-soldiers after ww1
Great Depression	Slump in economy after the Wall St.Crash that led to high unemployment
Hyperinflation	When the value of money falls dramatically and paper money is printed in excess, so the value of the currency falls and becomes worthless
Kaiser	The German emperor
League of Nations	The international body established after the First World War in order to maintain peace
Left wing	Of politicians and parties which favour socialism
Manifesto	A publication of political party's policies
National Socialist	Member of the NSDAP
November Criminals	Name given to German politicians who accepted the armistice which ended WW1
Passive Resistance	Opposition to Government. invading power etc.
Proportional Representation	The number of votes won in election, determined the number of seats in the Reichstag
Putsch	Attempt to overthrow the government
Reichstag	German Parliament
Reparations	War damages to be paid to Germany

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Republic	A state where the government is carried out by the people or their elected representatives
SA	Paramilitary /private army of the Nazi Party( Brownshirts)
Scapegoat	A person or group made to take the blame for others
Socialist	Those who believe in state ownership
Swastika	Symbol of the Nazi Party
Trade Unions	Organisations set up to protect and improve the rights of workers
Treason	A crime committed against the state
Wall Street Crash	October, 1929 when over 16 million shares were traded in panic selling, triggering further sales and leading to a world economic crisis
Weimar Republic	The republic that existed in Germany from 1919 to 1933

**Expectation: You need to learn the spelling and definition of these key terms.**