# Unit Y221: Democracy and dictatorships in germany 1919-1963

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **The establishment and development of the Weimar Republic: 1919–Jan 1933** |  | 1 | Consequences of the First World War;  | * Collapse of Imperial Germany
* Social and economic effects of WW1
* October reform and origins of the Stab in the Back myth
* The German revolution
* Growing opposition
* Ebert’s leadership
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Weimar and Nazi Germany*, Hite and Hinton, Hodder
* *The Third Reich*, Williamson, Longman
 |
|  | 1 | the Weimar Constitution;coalition governments; | * Make-up and nature of the new government
* President
* Parliament
* Bill of rights
* Courts
* Article 48
* Proportional representation
* Relationship between the president and the Reichstag
* Significance of the constitution
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  |  | 2 | impact of the Treaty of Versailles; | * Aims of Versailles
* Terms of Versailles
* German reactions
* Significance of the treaty
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 2 | challenges to Weimar; Communist revolts, Kapp Putsch, Munich Putsch, invasion of the Ruhr, hyperinflation; | * Threats from and nature of the extreme left
* KPD opposition
* Sparticist uprising
* Threats from and nature of the extreme right
* Events of Kapp putsch and its consequence
* Emergence of the Nazis and the Munich Putsch (events and consequences)
* Economic situation in Germany
* Causes of hyperinflation (including invasion of the Ruhr)
* Consequences of hyperinflation
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 3 | Stresemann and the ‘Golden Years’; Dawes and Young Plans, economic recovery, foreign loans, political stability, improvements to working and living conditions; | * Role of Stresemann in the recovery of Germany
* Impact of the Dawes plan
* Role of foreign policy in providing security in Germany
* Young plan and its impact
* Increasing stability and recovery in politics and economics
* Weimar culture
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 3 | the impact of the Great Depression, elections and governments 1928–1933;  | * Impact of the Depression
* Implications politically
* Collapse of governments during this period
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 4 | rise and appeal of Nazism, role of propaganda and Hitler;  | * Creation and emergence of the Nazi party
* Organisation of the party
* Nazi ideology
* Nazi fortunes in the 1920s
* Nazi electoral performance in the early 1930s and reasons for its growth
* Appeal of the Nazis
* Political methods of the Nazis
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 5 | Papen, Schleicher and ‘backstairs intrigue’;  | * Papen and Schleicher’s failures and their consequences
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 5 | Hitler’s appointment as Chancellor.  | * Papen’s attempts to dislodge Schleicher and convincing Hindenburg to appoint Hitler as Chancellor
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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| **The establishment of the Nazi Dictatorship and its domestic policies Feb 1933–1939** |  | 6 | Hitler’s consolidation of power, the Reichstag Fire, March Elections and Enabling Act, Gleichschaltung, creation of the one-party state, Night of the Long Knives, army oath and death of Hindenburg;  | * Strengths and limits to Hitler’s power, January to March 1933
* March 1933 elections
* Reichstag fire and its consequences
* The significance of the Enabling Act and the establishment of the dictatorship
* Policy of Gleichschaltung (co-ordination)
* Reorganisation of federal governments
* Banning the unions
* Banning the other parties
* Position of the SA and the power struggle with the Army
* The events and significance of the Night of the Long Knives
* Army oath of allegiance
* Death of Hindenburg
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|  | 7 | system of government and administration;  | * Methods used by the Nazis to govern Germany
* Creation of Hitler myth
* Central government
* Chaos in government – intentional or not?
* Purpose of the party after 1933
* Relations between party and state
* Role of the army
* Leading Nazis and their roles
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 8 | censorship and propaganda, machinery of terror, including courts, SS, Gestapo;  | * Aims of Nazi propaganda and its development including use of technology, the radio and press
* Use of violence in the state and the different organisations used.
* The police state
* Role and power of the SS, Gestapo, SD
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 9 | treatment of opposition;  | * Resistance in Nazi Germany – types of resistance and treatment by the regime
* Examples of resistance
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 10 | religious policies;  | * Nazi views on religion
* Initial conciliation, including Concordat
* Change in relationship between church and state
* Church opposition towards the Nazis
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 11 | economic policies, Schacht’s New Plan, Goering’s Four Year Plan, public works, conscription and autarky;  | * Nazi economic aims
* Condition in Germany in 1933
* Schacht’s economic strategy
* Implementation, aims, objectives and successes of the Four Year Plan
* Use of public works
* Introduction of conscription
* Policies of autarky
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 12 | German Labour Front; Strength through Joy’; | * Policies towards workers in industry
	+ Creation of German Labour Front
	+ Working conditions
	+ Beauty of Labour
	+ Strength through Joy
* Success and failures of policies to industry workers
* Policies towards peasants and small farmers, including successes and failures
* Policies towards landowners, big business and the Mittlestand, including successes and failures
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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|  | 13 | policy towards women; | * Nazi views on women and family
* Nazi policies, including those aimed at female employment, marriage and family
* Successes and failures of policies
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 14 | education and policy towards youth;  | * Aims of Nazi education
* Changes in schooling
* Policies aimed at indoctrinating youth
* Successes and failures of policies towards education and youth
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 15 | racial policies to 1939; | * Concept of Volksgemeinschaft and who was considered outsiders
* Nazism and beliefs in anti-Semitism
* Gradualism in racial policies
* Legal discrimination
* Use of propaganda and indoctrination
* Use of Terror and violence
* Forced emigration
* Kristallnacht / Night of Broken Glass
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 16 | benefits of Nazi rule.  | * Who and what benefited under the Nazis?
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| **The impact of war and defeat on Germany: 1939–1949** |  | 16 | The war economy and Total War;  | * Expansion of economy
* Limits of economic mobilisation
* Speers economic policies
* Successes and failures of the War economy
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Weimar and Nazi Germany*, Hite and Hinton, Hodder
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|  | 17 | impact of bombing; morale and rationing; | * Impact of bombing on the war effort and on German society
* Impact of rationing and food shortages
* Declining morale
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 17 | war and racial policies, the Final Solution;  | * Changes in racial policies – from emigration to extermination
* Wansee Conference
* Jewish persecution and the Final solution
* Persecution of the Gypsies
* Other racial policies
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 18 | opposition and resistance;  | * Increasing opposition during the war, including the July plot, White Rose, communist and conservative opposition and Nazi methods in dealing with resistance and opposition
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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|  | 19 | consequences of the Second World War; Cold War, Potsdam, division of Germany, Bizonia and developments in the Soviet Zone, currency and the Berlin Blockade.  | * Germany in 1945
* Population displacement
* Urban destruction
* Food and fuel shortages
* Economic dislocation
* Post War Conferences / Treaties
	+ Atlantic Charter
	+ Casablanca
	+ Teheran
	+ Yalta
	+ Potsdam
* De-Nazification
* Zone creation and differences between them
* Decentralisation
* Re-emergence of German political parties
* The Soviet Zone, Walter Ulbricht, SMAD, creation of SED, economic and social changes
* The Western Zone, problems and solutions, the Bizone, the Marshall Plan, currency reform
* Berlin Crisis
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
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| **Divided Germany: The Federal Republic and the DDR 1949–1963** |  | 20 | The creation of West Germany and the DDR; the Basic Law and constitution of West Germany;  | * The creation of two Germanies – BRD and the DDR
* The Bonn Republic
* Aims and contents of the Basic Law and the constitution
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
* *Germany Divided and Reunited 1945-91*, Leonard & Bushnell, Hodder
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|  | 20 | the 1949 election;  | * Party politics and the elections of 1949
* Adenauer era and the CDU
* Adenauer’s aims
* Role of the SPD
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 21 | the economic miracle;  | * Social market economy
* Reasons for recovery of the economy and ‘miracle’
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 21 | political and social stability; elections of 1953, 1957 and 1961; | * Social policies, social redress, integration of the Trade Unions, the Welfare State, education, women and social change.
* CDU domination and elections of 1953, 1957 and 1961
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 22 | foreign policy, rapprochement with France, EEC, rearmament, NATO, policy towards USA and USSR, DDR;  | * Adenauer’s foreign policy aims
* Economic integration
* Petersburg Agreement
* European Coal and Steel Community
* European Economic Community
* Military and Political integration, NATO,
* Relations with the DDR and the USSR, the ‘Stalin notes’ Hallstein doctrine, Warsaw Pact.
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 23 | Berlin Wall;  | * Reasons why the Berlin Wall was constructed
* Significance of the Berlin Wall
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 23 | Adenauer’s decline and the Der Spiegel Crisis of 1962; West Germany in 1963; | * Adenauer’s fall from power
* The presidency fiasco
* The TV dispute
* 1961 election
* Der Spiegel affair and consequences
* Declining foreign relations
* Resignation of Adenauer
* West Germany in 1963
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
* *Germany Divided and Reunited 1945-91*, Leonard & Bushnell, Hodder
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|  | 24 | the GDR in 1949;  | * Creation of the SED dictatorship
* Transformation of the SED and the party system in the DDR
* The Secret police (Stasi)
* Military force and its use.
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
* *Germany 1858-1990: Hope, Terror and Revival*, Kitson, OUP
* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 24 | uprising 1953;  | * Workers uprising, causes and consequences and reasons for failures
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|  | 25 | economic change, land reform, collectivisation, nationalisation and heavy industry;  | * Economic legacy of the war in the DDR
* Changes in industry
* First five year plan, 1951-1955
* Later plans, including a second five year plan, seven year plan and New Economic System
* Changes in agriculture
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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* *Germany 1848-1991*, Murphy, Morris & Fullbrook, Collins
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|  | 25 | social change, churches, Trade Unions, education and youth. | * Welfare reform
* Policies for education and youth
* Policies towards the Church
* Women in the DDR
* How far living standards improved
* Successes and failures in creating a fairer society
* Opposition in the DDR
 | * *Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63*, Layton, Hodder
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