

# Rise of Nazism

After World War I, Germany established a democratic government called the Weimar Republic. However, the government faced huge problems. Germany's people and its economy suffered heavily during the worldwide depression. The reparations required under the Treaty of Versailles made matters even worse. Millions of Germans were unemployed. Many lived in poverty. There were riots in the streets. Many Germans did not believe their democratic leaders could improve the situation.



Adolph Hitler

Many dissatisfied Germans rallied behind the **Nazi Party**, a new political party led by **Adolf Hitler**. The Nazis wanted to create a powerful authoritarian government that would act quickly to solve the nation's problems. Hitler was a clever politician and a powerful speaker. He gained popularity by promising to end unemployment and poverty in Germany. He promised to rebuild Germany's military, take back land lost in the Treaty of Versailles, and make Germany a strong and proud nation again.

In 1933, the president of the Weimar Republic named Hitler the chancellor of Germany. Hitler used his new power to quickly dissolve the democratic government and become a powerful dictator. Germany fell entirely under Nazi control!



## Rapid Recall



L6-8RH2; L6-8RH4

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

The Weimer Rep. was Germany's government after WWI. The government faced huge problems including riots and unemployment. Germany's economy was suffering, since Germany had to pay reparations after the war.

Soon, the Nazi Party, led by Adolf Hitler, began to attract people to its message. This group grew in power because it offered solutions to Germany's economic problems and appealed to German nationalism. When appointed as dictator, Hitler became a dictator with total control of Germany. chancellor



### Word Bank

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|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| <del>riots</del>       | <del>unemployment</del>    | <del>solutions</del>   |
| <del>Nazi Party</del>  | <del>economy</del>         | <del>reparations</del> |
| <del>nationalism</del> | <del>Adolf Hitler</del>    | <del>dictator</del>    |
| <del>chancellor</del>  | <del>Weimar Republic</del> |                        |