

UPDATED FOR 2020 EXAMINATIONS

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AS/A LEVEL HISTORY

GERMANY 1918-1945

CONFERENCE FOCUS

This NEW conference will provide students with a motivational revision day, at which you will hear presentations from leading historians and be given high quality advice, guidance and examples which will assist you to produce examination answers of the highest levels.

The conference is designed for students of all examination boards. The course is updated with lessons from the 2019 examinations to make sure your students are fully equipped for 2020.

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

Professor Richard Evans: Regius Professor of History and President of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge. He has published a large-scale history of the Third Reich in three volumes. He has won the Wolfson Literary Award for History, the Fraenkel Prize in Contemporary History, and the Hamburg Medaille für Kunst und Wissenschaft and is a Fellow of the British Academy, the Royal Society of Literature and the Royal Historical Society.

Professor Neil Gregor: Professor of Modern European History, University of Southampton. He has published widely on Nazi Germany and its legacy, including *Haunted City: Nuremberg and the Nazi Past* (Yale University Press) which shared the Frankel Prize for Contemporary History in 2008.

Keith Milne: Author, experienced presenter and Head of Department, Senior Moderator and former Principal Examiner for a major awarding body.

BENEFITS

- Ask questions and gain first hand advice and guidance from a senior examiner and expert historians
- Activities throughout on key themes and topics, all linked directly to the exam papers
- Interactive examiner workshops to improve performance in the exams
- Obtain the latest ideas about the period, helping students to stand out in exams
- Get a full set of conference notes, with examination tips and example answers



Welcome and Introduction

10.25 – 10.35am

The Establishment and early years of Weimar, 1918-1924: to what extent is it fair to describe the early years of Weimar Germany as a complete failure?

10.35 – 11.15am

- The Peace Settlement: expectations and reality; terms and problems; attitudes within
- Germany and abroad – the stab in the back myth, Germany and victimhood
- Economic and social issues: post-war legacy and the state of the German economy and society; reparations, inflation and hyperinflation
- Political instability and extremism; risings on the left and right, including the Kapp Putsch; the political impact of the invasion of the Ruhr; the Munich Putsch
- Problems of coalition government and the state of the Republic by 1924: why was the political system unable to produce consensus?

How far was there really a Golden Age of the Weimar Republic between 1924 and 1928?

11.15 – 11.55am

- Economic developments: Stresemann; the Dawes Plan; industry, agriculture and the extent of recovery; the reparations issue and the Young Plan
- Social developments: social welfare reforms; the development of Weimar culture; art, architecture, music, theatre, literature and film; living standards and lifestyles
- The extent of political stability: President Hindenburg; parties; elections and attitudes to the Republic from the elites and other social groups; the position of the extremists, including the Nazis and Communists
- Germany's international position; Stresemann's foreign policy aims and achievements

Break - Submit your questions on 20th Century German History to our expert panel

11.55 – 12.15pm

Effective evaluation of Historical Sources on the Collapse of Democracy, 1928-1933

12.15 – 12.55pm

- Analyse example responses on the Collapse of Democracy that demonstrate the skills that gain the highest marks
- Examine what differentiates top from lower level responses when answering questions on the value of sources
- Improve real student responses to confirm how to reach higher mark bands and strengthen student exam performance

The Nazi Dictatorship, 1933-1945 – how and why did the Nazis gain and maintain power?

12.10 – 12.40pm

- Hitler's consolidation of power, March 1933–1934: governmental and administrative change and the establishment of the one-party state
- The failure of German politicians: Hindenburg, von Papen, von Schleicher, the Night of the Long Knives
- The 'Terror State': the police, including the SS and Gestapo; the courts; extent, effectiveness and limitations of opposition and non-conformity
- Propaganda: aims, methods and impact; and the extent of totalitarianism
- Economic policies and the degree of economic recovery; Social policies: the benefits and drawbacks of Nazi rule and extent of its popularity

Lunch

12.40 – 1.15pm

Ask the Experts

1.15 – 1.25pm

- The experts answer the questions submitted by the students, with a prize for the best

To what extent is it accurate to describe the Racial State as the most important aspect of Nazi Rule?

1.25 – 2.15pm

- The radicalisation of the state: Nazi racial ideology; policies towards the mentally ill, asocials, homosexuals, members of religious sects, the Roma and Sinti
- Anti-Semitism: policies and actions towards the Jews, including the boycott of Jewish shops and the Nuremberg Laws
- The development of anti-Semitic policies and actions; the effect of the Anschluss;
- Reichskristallnacht; emigration; the impact of the war against Poland
- The treatment of Jews in the early years of war: the Einsatzgruppen; ghettos and deportations
- The role of the public sphere in intolerance: why was opposition so ineffectual?

Break

2.15 – 2.25pm

The key to excellent essays on German history with a focus on the Impact of War 1939-1945

2.15 – 3.10pm

- How to write high quality essays on 20th Century Germany, using examples on the Impact of War
- Analysing the question – examine a sample question on Nazi Germany to establish its key aspects
- Explore exemplar responses to determine what examiners expect on German History at grades B to A*
- Excellent essay practice: students improve example responses to understand what the examiners want

Final Top Tips and close

3.10 – 3.20pm

- Extra tips on excellent revision ideas, including using the specification
- Action plan – what to do after today to get the highest grades

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