H/W: Notes on Key topic 1: The Weimar Republic 1918–29

1. The origins of the Republic 1918–19

**NOTE TAKING:**

The legacy of the First World War.

Socially the war destroyed families. It also caused economic and political problems.

The abdication of the Kaiser, the armistice and revolution, 1918–19.

The Allies said that they would not accept Germany’s surrender unless the Kaiser (who they blamed for starting the war) went. Armed soldiers and factory workers took control of many German cities. They wanted the Kaiser to go.

The Kaiser was persuaded by his military advisers to abdicate. Overnight, Germany went from being a monarchy to a republic.

On 11 November 1918, when he had just taken power, Chancellor Ebert of the Social Democrats signed the armistice.

The armistice brought an end to WW1 as both sides agreed to lay down their weapons and stop fighting. This meant that Germany had surrendered to the Allies.

The setting up of the Weimar Republic.

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The strengths and weaknesses of the new Constitution.

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**CUE COLUMN:**

Notes transformed into questions about this topic:

What was the social effect of WWI on Germany?

Why did the Kaiser abdicate?

What did Germany change into?

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