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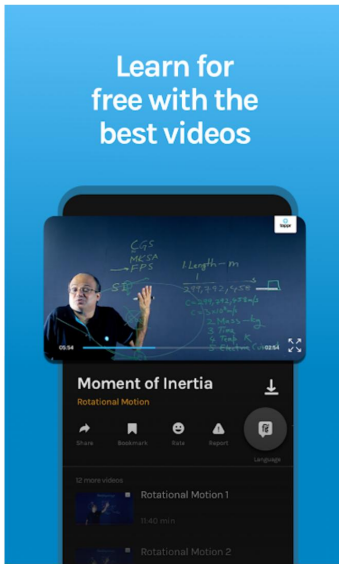
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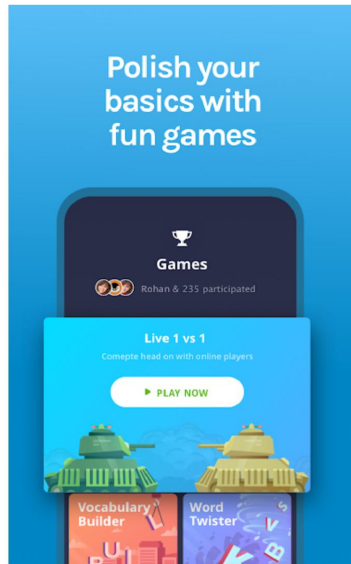


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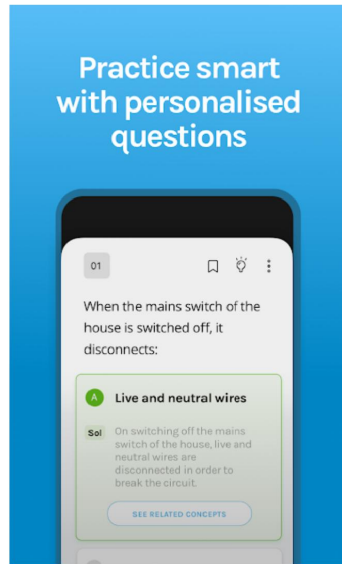
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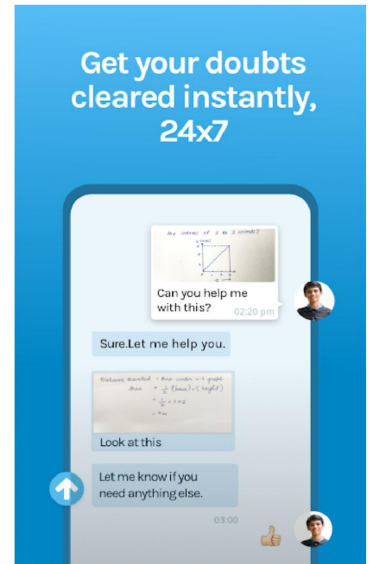
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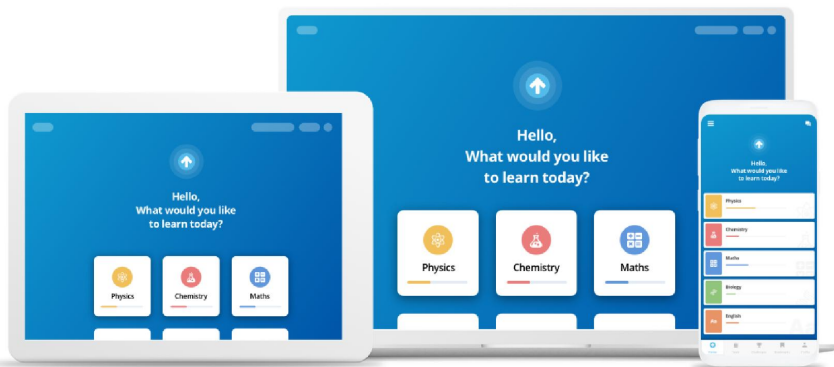
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#490478

Describe the problems faced by the Weimar Republic.

Solution

After the defeat of Imperial Germany, the Weimar Republic came into existence. The Republic had a democratic constitution and a federal structure. The Republic as not well received by the people. The Weimar Republic, faced many problems on all fronts-economic, political, social. It was held responsible for the defeat in the First World War. The Republic had to pay war compensation and this put the Republic in deep financial crisis. Germany had fought the war largely on loans and had to pay war reparations in gold. Subsequently gold reserves depleted and the value of the German Mark fell. Prices of essential commodities rose dramatically.

The Weimar Republic faced problems on the political front also. The Constitution had many defects. The Constituion gave the President powers to impose emergency, suspend civil rights, and rule by decree. The Weimar Republic had 20 different cabinets within a short span of time. Soon people lost confidence in the democratic parliamentary system

#490479

Discuss why Nazism became popular in Germany by 1930.

#490480

What are the peculiar features of Nazi thinking?

Solution

The peculiar features of Nazi thinking were

- A belief in racial heirarchy and Lebensraum or living space.
- Nordic German Aryans were at the top, while the jews formed the lowest rung of the racial ladder.
- They believed that only the strongest race would survive and rule.
- New territories must be gained for enhancing the natural resources and power of Germany.

#490481

Explain why Nazi propaganda was effective in creating a hatred for Jews.

Solution

Propaganda films were made to create hatred for Jews. The most infamous film was The Eternal Jew. Orthodox Jews were stereotyped and marked. They were shown with flowing beards wearing kaftans. They were referred to as vermin, rats and pests. Their movements were compared to those of rodents. Orthodox jews were stereotyped as killers of Christ and moneylenders. Stereotypes about Jews were popularised even through Maths classes. Children were taught to hate the Jews. The Nazi propaganda again the Jews was so effective that people felt anger and hatred surge inside them when they saw someone who looked like a Jew.

#490514

Explain what role women had in Nazi society. Return to Chapter 1 on the French Revolution. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting the role of women in the two periods.

Solution

Role of women in Nazi society followed the rules of a largely patriarchal or male-dominated society. Hitler hailed women as "the most important citizen" in his Germany, but this was true for only Aryan women who bred pure-blooded Aryan children. Motherhood was the only goal they were taught to reach for, apart from performing the stereotypical functions of managing the household and being good wives. This was in stark contrast to the role of women in the French Revolution where women led movements and fought for rights to education and equal wages. They were allowed to form political clubs, and schooling was made compulsory for them after the French Revolution.

#490515

In what ways did the Nazi state seek to establish total control over its people ?

Solution

Adolf Hitler became the Chancellor of Germany in 1933. He passed many laws to gain control over his people. The fire Decree was passed on 28th February 1933.

The Decree abolished freedom of speech, press and assembly that had been guaranteed by the Weimar constitution.

Concentration camps were set up and the communists were sent there.

On 3 March 1933, the famous Enabling Act was passed. This Act established dictatorship in Germany. All other political parties were banned. Nazi party took complete control of the economy, media, army and judiciary.

Special surveillance and security forces were created to control and order society in ways that the Nazis wanted.

The police, the stormtroopers, the Gestapo, the SS and the Security Service were given extraordinary powers to control and order the society.

People could now be detained in Gestapo torture chambers, rounded up and sent to concentration camps, deported at will or arrested without any legal procedures. The police forces acquired powers to rule with impunity.