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## **History (Specification A)**

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**Schools History Project  
Unit 2 Option D: Germany 1919–1945**

## **Sources Booklet**

**Sources A to E for use in answering Question 1  
Source F for use in answering Question 2  
Source G for use in answering Question 3**

## A view of Weimar Germany

**Source A** Photographs of a German factory and workers in the 1920s.



**Source B** From a report by Sir John Sandelman Allen. He was the chairman of a group of seven British MPs who visited Germany for 16 days in 1928.

We are very impressed that industrialists show great confidence in the future and are spending money on new factories and the reconstruction of Germany. The workers put in long hours. Even in heavily populated areas of Germany there is little unemployment. There seems a general air of stability. The iron and steelworks have plenty of orders.

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There is little or no war spirit but instead a determination to improve things. There is a general acceptance that the Weimar Republic is essential for the future development of Germany.

## A different view of Weimar Germany

**Source C** A line of unemployed German workers in 1930.



**Source D** From a speech by Chancellor Franz von Papen commenting on Germany's situation in 1932.

Germany's problems are the debts she owes, the heavy taxation of her people, high interest rates and above all unemployment. Unemployment is more widespread than in any other country and affects a quarter of the population. It uses up a lot of government money.

- 5 However, what is particularly damaging is the ever-growing number of young people who have no possibility of finding employment and earning a living. As a result young people are desperate and turn to political extremism.

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**Source E** The front cover of a Social Democrat magazine with the heading 'the real meaning of the Hitler salute'.

It describes Hitler as 'a little man who asks for big gifts' and includes Hitler's claim that 'millions stand behind me'. It was published in October 1932, a few months after Hitler made a speech to a meeting of major Rhineland businessmen in Dusseldorf.



**Turn over for Source F for use in answering Question 2  
and Source G for use in answering Question 3**

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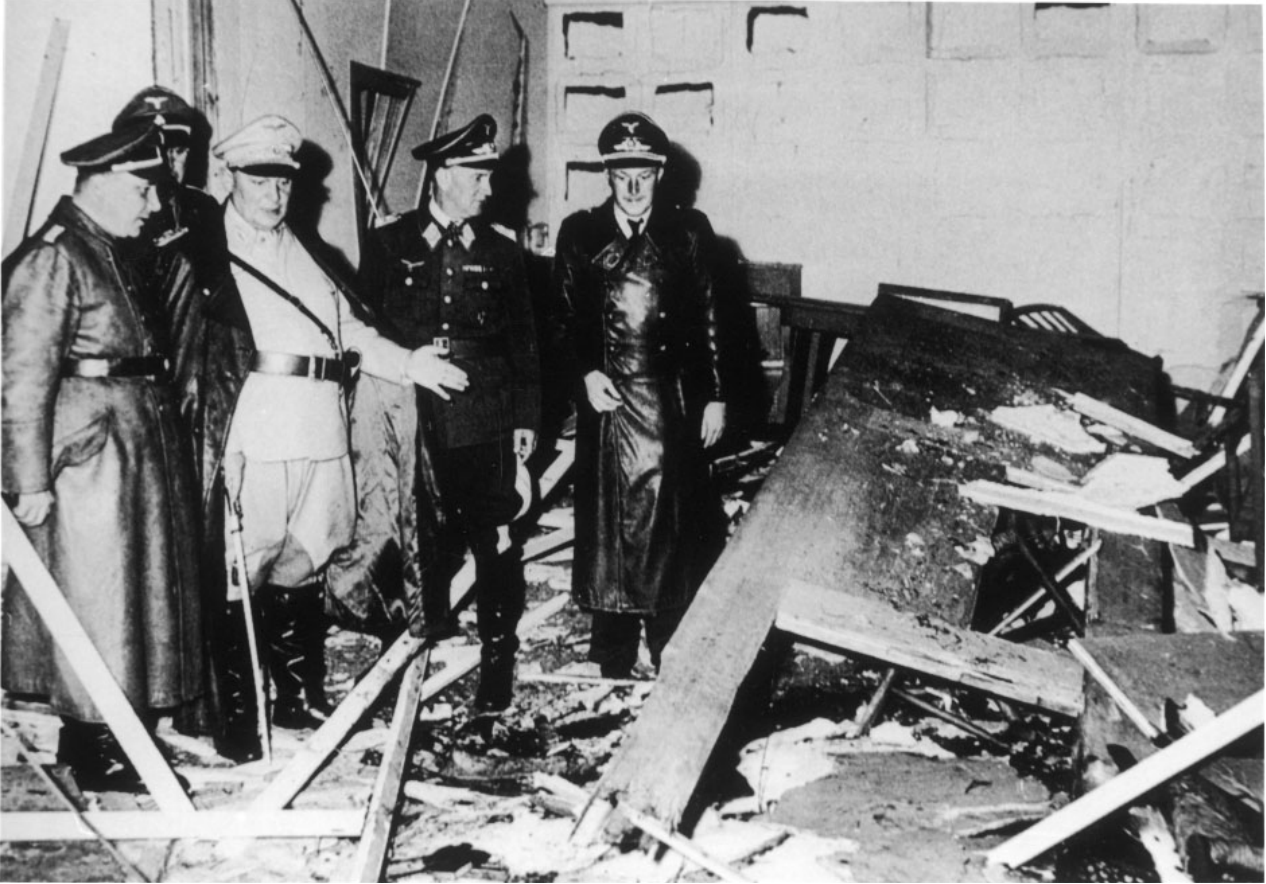
**Source F** (for use in answering Question 2)

A photograph of students and SA troops burning books in Berlin, 10 May 1933.



**Source G** (for use in answering Question 3)

A photograph taken after the failed bomb plot of 20 July 1944. It shows Goering and high-ranking Nazis inspecting the damage.



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