

## **List of Terms on Nazi Germany**

Reichstag Fire -- Fire in the German legislative building, of uncertain origin, in 1933. Used by Germany as a pretext to launch repressive measures, which they had always sought to implement.

Enabling Act -- Voted by the German legislature in 1933, immediately after the Reichstag fire, giving Hitler the right to rule by decree, without approval by the legislature. This led to a full dictatorship.

Versailles Treaty -- Formally ended World War I, signed in 1919. Officially made Germany responsible for starting the war, and imposed heavy burdens on Germany, involving payments to France.

Weimar constitution -- Democratic constitution for Germany, lasted from 1919, until Hitler's accession to power in 1933.

Paul Von Hindenburg -- President of Germany during much of the Weimar period. Appointed Hitler as chancellor in 1933.

Third Reich -- Formal name of the Nazi dictatorship.

SA -- Nazi militia, whose leaders were murdered by Hitler in 1934

SS -- Nazi militia, responsible for implementing the murder of SA figures

Gestapo -- Nazi secret police