

List of Terms on Nazi Germany

Reichtag 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