

Why did Hitler become Chancellor of Germany in January 1933?

Task

- Read through each of these cards.
 - Complete any gaps using your own ideas.
 - Cut out the cards.
 - Identify two which you think may be connected.
 - Stick them down on sugar paper.
 - Connect them with an arrow explaining the relationship.
 - Take another factor and try to connect it in the same way.
- Repeat until you have a completed diagram.

Task 2

Write a paragraph summarising how you have connected your factors. If you do this well, another member of the class should be able to reconstruct your diagram from it.

Wall St. Crash US loans from the Dawes Plan recalled	Unemployment Running at 40% by 1932	PR 30 parties in 1932 parliament; unable to act decisively
The Depression saw Hitler depicted as "Germany's last hope"		
Article 48 Hindenburg ruling with von Papen by 1932 - undemocratic	Workers Attracted to Hitler's "Work, Freedom and Bread" promise	Businessmen Attracted to Hitler's promise to crush communism

Blamed for Armistice "November Criminals"	Blamed for Versailles "Stab in the Back"	Blamed for Rebellions Freikorps / Spartakists
The Weimar Republic had serious political weaknesses		
Blamed for Hyperinflation 1923	Article 48 President is too powerful	PR Weak coalition governments

Spring '32 Hitler runs as President – "Führer over Germany"	Summer '32 Nazis now largest party in Reichstag (230 seats)	Autumn '32 Hindenburg appoints von Papen as Chancellor
Hindenburg was persuaded to appoint Hitler as Chancellor		
Winter '32 Hindenburg appoints Schleicher as Chancellor	Winter '32 Business leaders pressure Hindenburg	January '33 Hitler made chancellor of a coalition government

Speeches [1] Nuremberg Rallies - Powerful, simple, charismatic	Speeches [2] 1923 Trial – "The Goddess of History Acquits us"	Strategy [1] Stand for election ("hold our noses and enter the Reichstag")
Hitler was a very talented politician		
Strategy [2] Strong leadership for Germany (Führerprinzip)	Policies [1]	Policies [2]

Goebbels [1]	Goering [1]	Himmler [1]
The Nazi party attracted some powerful and talented people		
Goebbels [2]	Goering [2]	Himmler [2]

Connecting phrases you may find helpful:

Which led to...	Which meant that...	Which highlighted that...	This factor was heightened by...
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