NOTES ON THE RISE OF HITLER

- Adolf Hitler fought bravely for Germany in WW1, he was awarded the Iron Cross for bravery under fire and he was twice wounded in battle.
- He held the rank of corporal, a very low rank in the army.
- He was gassed and was taken to hospital. (gases: Mustard Gas, Chlorine gas, Yperite gas etc; these gases burned the flesh, eyes, lungs etc. Also, great quantities of phosphorous were used.)

EMPATHY AND DEEP MOTIVATIONS

- In 1918 AH was only a corporal, he went on to become Chancellor (Prime Minister) of Germany in 1933!!!
- RESENTMENT OVER THE WAR
  The Germans were bitterly disappointed and angry that after so much sacrifice by the German armies so little had been achieved. They were angry that Germany had been defeated, they felt they had been betrayed by the generals, by the government, by the Kaiser and most of all they hated the French for the DIKTAT, the humiliating Peace Treaty of VERSAILLES in 1918.
  - N.B. Remember that the Germans felt they had a great destiny in Europe and the world, they felt they had been cheated out of that great destiny! From being a great and admired nation with a wonderful destiny they find themselves poor, despised, hated, ridiculed, humiliated and forgotten. (This is the fall from grace) and of course, they lost 2m men and now they have no job, no shoes, no food, no hope and they feel very very ANGRYYYYYY (keep this in mind for the RISE OF MUSSOLINI)
- THE THREAT FROM COMMUNISM: After the Russian Revolution in 1917 people feared a WORLD REVOLUTION, Karl Marx predicted that Germany would become the first communist state. The Germans feared communism, the middle class and the wealthy feared they would lose everything. AH used the communists as scapegoats in order to gain support for his own ideas
- SUSPICION OF PARLIAMENT
  Many people mistrusted parliamentary democracy, especially when things went wrong. By 1933, they were ready to try a dictatorship.

- ECONOMIC CRISIS
  The war had ruined Germany, unemployment was high, the Treaty of Versailles took away some areas of Germany (SAAR coalfields) they had to pay WAR REPARATIONS (6,600 million pounds) GB and FR had borrowed money from the USA, now they had to pay back this money and they wanted Ger to pay it! Inflation went through the roof and the MARK became absolutely worthless.
  HITLER GOES INTO POLITICS
  LINK TO SPEECHES:
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnpTWKKWQ1o
  1934
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUB -kbR3Ks