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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
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A view of Hitler and the Munich Putsch

**Source A**  A painting of Hitler speaking in the Munich Beer Hall in 1923.

The painting by Hermann Otto Hoyer in 1937, was entitled, ‘In the Beginning was the Word’.

**Source B**  An oil painting from 1940 showing the Munich Putsch in 1923.
A different view of Hitler and the Munich Putsch

**Source C**  
A limited-edition medallion created in 1923 by the Expressionist artist, Karl Goetz.

It comments on Hitler’s Putsch in Munich. One side shows Hitler interrupting von Kahr in the Beer Hall on 8 November 1923. The other side shows the march through Munich the next day. The caption on the second side reads ‘Last performance – on to Berlin’.

**Source D**  
Wilhelm Brückner, leader of the Munich stormtroopers (SA), speaking as a witness at Hitler's trial in 1924 after the Munich Putsch of 1923 had failed. Brückner is explaining the situation just before the Munich Putsch.

The SA officers were dissatisfied because the march on Berlin was being delayed. They said, “Hitler's a fraud just like the rest of them. He is not attacking.” And I said to Hitler, “The day is coming when I will not be able to hold my men back. Unless something happens now the men will sneak away”. We had many unemployed men among us who had sacrificed their last pair of shoes, their last clothes, and their last pence on training and who thought, “Soon the march will start and things will change for the better.”

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**Turn over for Source E**
Source E  A cartoon called ‘Stresemann our Saviour’ published in the humorous magazine, ‘Simplicissimus’ in May, 1923.

The magazine was strongly critical of the Kaiser’s government before the First World War. In the cartoon Stresemann guides the Weimar Republic in its early years. A caption underneath the cartoon said, ‘he protects against the Right, he protects against the Left.’
Turn over for Source F for use in answering Question 2
and Source G for use in answering Question 3
Source F (for use in answering Question 2)

A photograph of a stormtrooper (SA) rounding up suspected communists in 1933.
Source G  (for use in answering Question 3)

A photograph showing the impact of bomb damage in a German city, 1944.
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