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STANDARDS

W.41 Explain how economic instability, nationalism, and political disillusionment in Germany and Japan led to the rise of totalitarian regimes.

We are going to use primary source documents to examine at the problems in Weimar Germany and look for some possible solutions. Fill out this worksheet as you look at the documents to guide your thoughts.

PRIMARY SOURCES	QUESTIONS
#1 - #4: political cartoons and postcards	<p>a) How did the Treaty of Versailles impact Germany?</p> <p>b) How did many Germans feel about the Treaty?</p>
#5: Graph	<p>a) During which year was unemployment at its worst?</p> <p>b) Look at 1924 and 1932. About how much did unemployment increase between 1924 and 1932?</p>
#6 & #7: Photographs	<p>a) What effects did massive unemployment have on Germans’ lives?</p>

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#8: Photographs	<p>a) How much did bread cost in 1923? Why did the price increase so much?</p> <p>b) Why was the man putting money on the wall and why are the children stacking the money?</p> <p>c) How will this situation create problems for people living in Germany?</p>
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What’s best for Germany? Read the two quotes from speeches by German political candidates in the 1930s and read the list of promises they made. Choose which one you think will be the best to solve Germany’s problems, candidate #1 or candidate #2, and explain why in a paragraph.