Study Guide — Part II
The Troubled Infancy of the Weimar Republic

1. Explain why several segments of German society never accepted the legitimacy of the Weimar system.

2. What was the place of racism and anti-Semitism in the political philosophy of Adolf Hitler?

3. How was the French occupation of the Ruhr tied to Germany’s hyperinflation?

4. Why did many Germans reject the values of “Weimar culture”?

5. How did the conflict between the Catholic Center Party and the SPD contribute to the political crisis of the Weimar Republic?

6. How does the drawing, *The Republic*, portray the fragmented nature of Weimar society and politics?

7. How did the economic depression that began in 1929 create an opportunity for extremist political parties in Weimar Germany?