DBQ: How Did the Versailles Treaty Help Cause World War Two?

1. What territories did Germany lose due to the Versailles Treaty?

2. East Prussia remained a part of Germany. Why might the loss of the Polish Corridor and Danzig have been especially difficult for Germans?

3. Why might life have been difficult for Germans who lived in the lost territories?

4. How does this document explain how the Versailles Treaty helped cause World War II?

5. How does Hitler suggest Germans should respond to the Versailles Treaty?

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7. What is the total number of German military troops allowed by Article 160 of the Versailles Treaty?

8. How does Article 160 define the role of the army?

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10. Which of the countries in the cartoon image has the largest combined army of reservists and peacekeepers?

11. What is meant by the image of the chain held by the large figure representing France?

12. How does that image suggest German politicians and citizens might have felt about their military security compared to that of their neighbors?

13. How does this document explain how the Versailles Treaty helped cause World War II?
14. Why was Germany required to pay reparations for World War I?

15. When were the reparation payments set to begin and what was the date by which they were required to be fulfilled?

16. What could the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission do in the case that Germany fell behind or failed to make reparation payments?

17. How does this document explain how the Versailles Treaty helped cause World War II?

18. In 1929, what was the reduced amount of reparations Germany was required to pay?
   In German gold marks ________  In 2010 US Dollars ________

19. How does this document explain how the Versailles Treaty helped cause World War II?

20. Why do you think it is called the “War Guilt Clause?”

21. How does this document explain how the Versailles Treaty helped cause World War II?

22. How did most Germans feel about the Treaty of Versailles?

23. According to historian Laurence Moyer, why did Germans admire Adolf Hitler?

24. How does this document explain how the Versailles Treaty helped cause World War II?
**Bucketing**

Now that you have seen all the documents, label each bucket as a category showing why the Versailles Treaty caused WW2. Look over all the documents and organize them to fill your buckets. Place the letters of the documents in the buckets where they belong. You can put a document in more than one bucket.


**Thesis Development and Roadmap**

On the chicken foot below, write your thesis and your road map. Your thesis is always an opinion that answers the Mini-Q question. The leg states your thesis: *The Versailles Treaty helped cause WW2 because: _____________________.* The chicken’s toes are your bucket labels. They list the topic areas you will examine in order to prove your thesis.


**Essay Instructions**

If there is time, complete the following essay outline.

Thesis:

Topic Sentence #1:

Evidence:

Topic Sentence #2:

Evidence:

Topic Sentence #3:

Evidence: