## Why Was Hitler Appointed Chancellor in 1933?

Know - how / why Hitler became chancellor Explore - the roles of Franz von Papen + General Kurt von Schleicher

As a result of the chaos caused by the economic depression, German democracy had started to crack by 1930. The country was led by the old war hero, President Hindenburg and his unpopular chancellor, Heinrich Bruning. Article 48 was used as the Reichstag was paralysed. Note - Hitler twice lost a bitter presidential election against Hindenburg.



**President** Hindenburg was the 80 yr old Weimar President. He was very anti ....

...led by you would turn into a dictatorship.'

... Hitler and wrote to him personally.

'A cabinet...

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... Global Depression and was replaced by Franz von Papen. He knew the Nazis were able to cripple the...

Chancellor **Heinrich Bruning** had little support and was unable to solve the problems caused by the...

... Reichstag due to their high number (230) of seats. He planned to ally with the NSDAP party.

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...he will be squealing." However, Hitler refused the offer to become Papen's Vice Chancellor.

.. support then betray him. He said "In six months we will have pushed Hitler so far into a corner...

Franz von Papen thought he could control Hitler and take advantage of his Reichstag...



...Hitler and tried to weaken the Nazis. This backfired and resulted in pushing Hitler and...

In 1932, General **Kurt von Schleicher** replaced his enemy von Papen, von Schleicher was anti ...

.. Von Papen into an alliance. Together they defeated von Schleicher's party in the Reichstag.



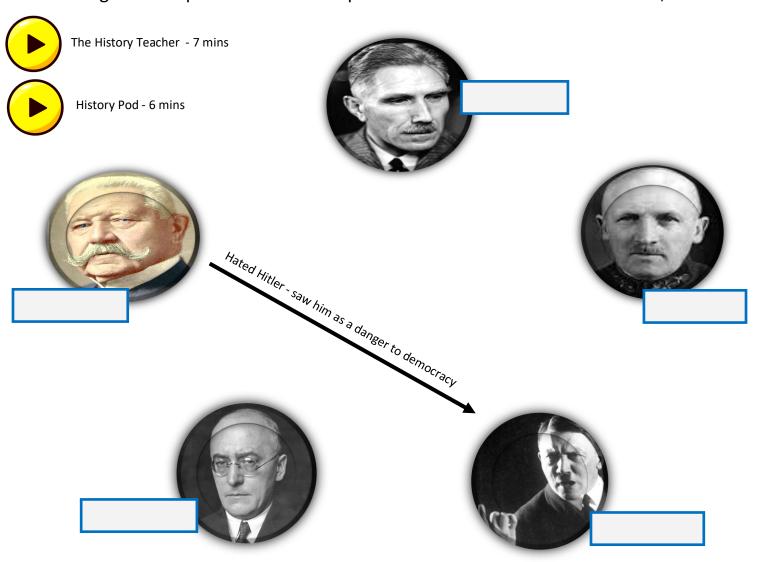
Adolf Hitler knew he was disliked by the president so he wrote a flattering letter to...

...Hindenburg. Also, von Papen + leaders of big business persuaded Hindenburg to appoint ...

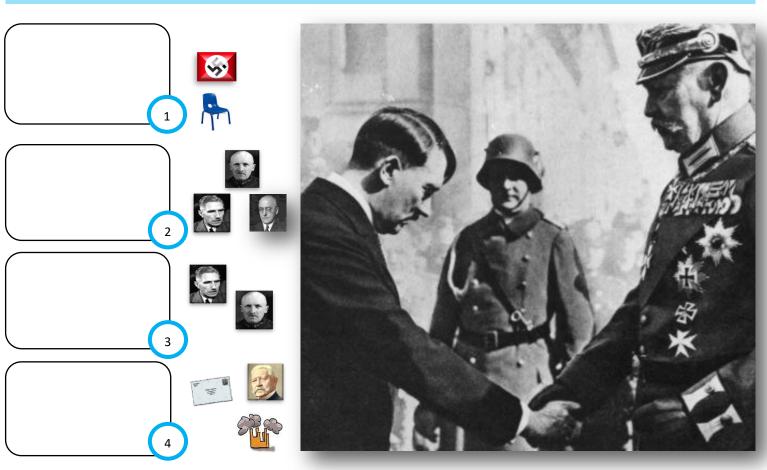
... Hitler as chancellor in January, 1933. Having used democracy to get power he would now destroy it.

Write a 10 - 15 point summary to explain how Hitler become chancellor in 1933	

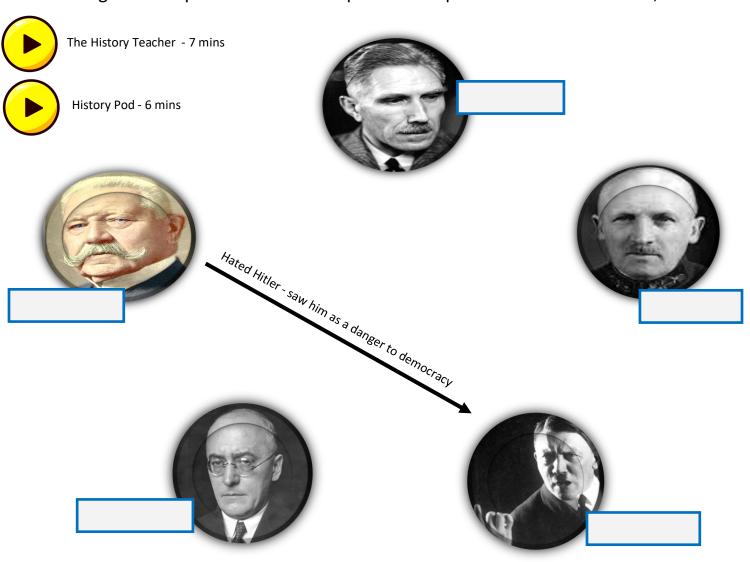
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The Nazis had enough seats to cripple the Reichstag - and with it German democracy.





None of the chancellors had enough support in the Reichstag - they needed the Nazis.





Hitler benefited from the rivalry between Schleicher + Papen - who underestimated Hitler.







Hitler wrote a public letter, flattering Hindenburg. Rich industrialists also pushed for his appointment.







