

History, Weimar and Nazi Germany

Lesson 8

Worksheet:

How did Germany improve their international relations, 1924-29?

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Locarno Pact, 1925

The **Locarno Pact** was an agreement between Germany, Britain, France, Belgium and Italy. Unlike the Treaty of Versailles that was imposed on Germany, the **Locarno Pact** was negotiated and agreed by Germany. It agreed to the following aspects:

- Germany agreed to the 1919 land border with France
- Germany, Britain and France agreed for a permanent **demilitarisation** of the **Rhineland**
- The Allies agreed to discuss German membership to the **League of Nations**



The League of Nations

The **League of Nations** was an international body set up in the aftermath of WWI to maintain world peace and solve **tensions**. The aim of the League was to settle disputes between countries to prevent future wars from happening.

The main powers in the League of Nations were part of the **Council**. This included Britain and France whilst America refused to join. The Treaty of Versailles prevented Germany from joining. However, after the **Locarno Treaty** the major powers discussed Germany's entry to the League.

In 1926 Germany joined the Council of the League of Nations.



The Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1928

The aim of the Kellogg-Briand Pact was to prevent another international war from breaking out. This act made states promise not to use war as a means of their **foreign policy**.

The fact that Germany agreed to this shows that they were considered a reputable world power and were firmly involved in global decision making.



Interpretation 1 - Historian A

Under Stresemann's guidance, the Weimar Republic flourished economically. Taxes were lowered and people had more money to spend. The hardships of 1923 became a distant memory.



Interpretation 2 - Historian B

It was Stresemann's diplomatic skill which oversaw the biggest recovery for the Weimar Republic. His negotiations with the major world powers made Germany a respectable nation. Germany were no longer excluded from international treaties.



Glossary

League of Nations - An international body set up after WW1 to help maintain global peace.

Rhineland- The area of Germany which borders France.

Foreign policy - How a country interacts with the wider world.

Tensions - The growing conflict between two parties.



Interpretation Questions

1. What does interpretation 2 tell you about the recovery of the Weimar Republic?
2. How did Stresemann help make Germany a “respectable nation”?
3. How was Germany “no longer excluded from international treaties”?
4. Challenge question: Do you agree with interpretation 1 or 2 the most? Explain your answer.

P - I agree with interpretation ... more than interpretation

E - This is because it states ...

E - I think this is the more accurate interpretation because ...

L - Therefore, I agree with interpretation ... more than ...

