**Why did Hitler become Chancellor in January 1933?**

1. For each factor, write down one example of how it helped Hitler.
2. Give each factor a mark out of 10 for its importance in bringing Hitler to power.
3. Choose what you think are the five most important factors and write a short paragraph on each, explaining why you have chosen it.
4. If you took away any of those factors, would Hitler still have become Chancellor?
5. Were any of those five factors also present in the 1920s?
6. If so, explain why the Nazis were not successful in the 1920s.
7. **Essay Question** – ‘***Why did Hitler become Chancellor in January 1933?***’. Use the factors you have explored in this table to help you write an essay on the above question. You don’t need to talk about all the factors so consider which ones were most important. You might like to divide you essay into both long-term and short-term factors. Or you could even use the headings: Nazi Strengths, Opposition weaknesses and other factors. Which ever way you structure your essay, remember: you need to provide a judgement of your own in the conclusion – why did Hitler become chancellor in January 1933?

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| **Factors** | **How did this factor help Hitler?** | **How important was this factor?**  |
| **Nazi Strengths** |
| **Hitler’s Speaking Skills** |  |  |
| **Propaganda Skills** |  |  |
| **Violent treatment of their opposition** |  |  |
| **Their criticisms of the Weimar system of government** |  |  |
| **Nazi policies** |  |  |
| **Support from big business** |  |  |
| **Opposition weaknesses** |
| **Failure to deal with the Depression** |  |  |
| **Failure to cooperate with one another** |  |  |
| **Attitudes of Germans to the democratic parties** |  |  |
| **Other factors** |
| **Weaknesses of the Weimar Republic** |  |  |
| **Scheming of Hindenburg and von Papen** |  |  |
| **The impact of the Depression** |  |  |
| **The Treaty of Versailles** |  |  |
| **Memories of the problems of 1923** |  |  |