

Question 5 – Germany in Transition exam

To what extent do you agree with the interpretation? [16 + 3 SPAG marks] = 20 mins



Historian

The Weimar Republic was successful in dealing with its problems. By 1929 prosperity and stability had been restored to Germany.

Historian P. Grey writing in a school history textbook, Germany 1918-1945, published in 2003.



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Historian

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- Is the interpretation **subjective** or **objective**? (biased or unbiased)
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- Does the **title of the book or website** suggest it is based on a **wide-ranging study** or a **more specialist book and focused** on the particular topic?
- Is it aimed at a **particular audience** and does this affect the interpretation?



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Other historians

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Question 5 – Conflict and Upheaval Medieval Britain exam

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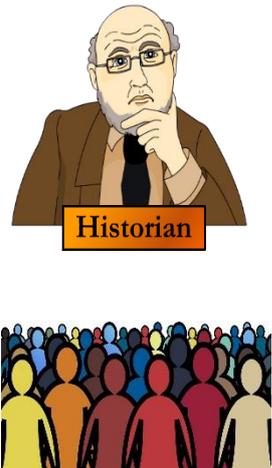


The Peasant's Revolt of 1381 was the first popular uprising in England. The peasants were objecting to high taxation and demanding payment of wages in money. However, despite what is written in various chronicles, the main grievance of the peasants was their continued serfdom. The Peasants Revolt took place to demand its abolition.

An interpretation of the Peasant's Revolt from a modern website called Marxists.org, which promotes the rights of the working class.



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