

Economic

1. Geographic position and importance
2. Basic weaknesses- raw materials and blockade
3. The war materials department AUG 1914 - Walter Rathenau
4. Solutions- synthetics, supplies from occupied nations
5. Labour by 1916 very short
6. The patriotic auxiliary service law men 17-60
7. Use of Women and children
8. Huge costs/debts - inflation and devalued mark
9. No Nationalisation -why?

Political

1. Serious problems in 1914- threat of revolution
2. Power of Kaiser important
3. 'Burgfriede' - political truce between parties
4. The silent dictatorship - role of the Kaiser, Hindenburg and Ludendorff - the 'Kriegsamt' Supreme War Office
5. 1916-1917 beginnings of discontent
6. Peace or surrender? - war aims
7. November 1918 Revolution - Kaiser out, republic proclaimed
8. 'Stabbed in the back'

The effects on the German Home Front

Social

1. Conscription already existed- men not a problem until 1916.
2. Grain problems - lack of farmers
3. Food problems - ersatz foods 'Kriegsbot'
4. 1916 Rationing -The War Nutrition Office, The War Food Office- 'The Imperial Potato office'
5. 1916-1917 bad harvests- 'The Turnip winter'
6. Civilian costs
7. Morale, propaganda etc

Cultural

1. Propaganda -defensive war, France and Russia
2. Censorship
3. Hate campaign
4. Initial joy etc
5. Growing discontent