

## Into The Sixth Form Task for History

### Unit Y221 Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany, 1919-63

#### Task A

*Create a fact-file on the background to Twentieth Century Germany by answering the following questions:*

1. How and when was Germany unified?
2. What was Germany like before World War One?
3. Why did Germany sign the Armistice in 1918?
4. What impact did World War One have on Germany in terms of:
  - A) Economy
  - B) Politics
  - C) Society

Record a bibliography of sources used and include at least 5 sources of information.

#### Task B

*Read the following extract. What is the message of this source? Why would he be saying this? Do you trust him? How useful is this for an historian?*

**Erich Ludendorff, *My War Memories, 1914-1918* (1920)**

Before all these events the world has stood astonished; it could not believe its eyes when it saw the collapse of this proud and mighty Germany, the terror of her foes. The Entente feared us even in our destruction, and could not take enough advantage of the opportunity to weaken us still further internally by propaganda and by imposing a helots' peace upon us.

Germany, by her own fault, has been brought low. She is no longer a great power; she is not even an independent State, Her present and future existence are in danger.

Out of this world struggle she comes weakened and diminished in every respect, and robbed of districts and peoples which have been hers for generations.

All delusions have vanished, mass suggestion begins to fail. We look into nothingness. Self-deception, empty words, the practice of trusting to others or to phantoms, lip courage, meaning vain promises for the future and weakness in the present; all these will never help us, as they have never helped us in the past.