

# Scheme of Learning: The Development of Germany 1919-1991

## Topic Sequence:

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Weimar Germany	The Rise of Hitler	Nazi Germany	Life in World War Two	East and West Germany	Cooperation and reconciliation

## Topic Overview:

Following on from the end of World War Two in 1945, students will learn about the division of Germany into the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) and the Democratic Republic of Germany (East Germany). Students are comparing and contrasting the two; trying to understand why the FRG experienced an “economic miracle” whilst the East had a struggling economy.

## Lesson Sequence:

To set the scene, we begin by exploring how Germany was divided up between the allies of World War Two. We look at the impacts of denazification, democratization and division. We investigate the different approaches between the Western Allies to West Germany and Stalin with East Germany.

We will then look at how quickly the relationship between East and West deteriorated; we will focus largely on 1948 and issues taking place in Berlin. We learn about how Stalin blockaded West Berlin, stopping all vital supplies from reaching it. Students evaluate how and why this happened as well as exploring the Western Allied response of the Berlin Airlift, flying vital supplies into West Berlin. We will look at how this event was an international crisis and could have resulted in another war, but that neither side wanted this to happen.

We then spend some time comparing the experiences of West and East Germans in the 1950s, 60s and 70s. We will evaluate how and why the West experienced an economic miracle due to the work of Konrad Adenauer, loans from America and excellent union/government relations.

We finish by exploring Willy Brandt’s policy of Ostpolitik, which helped to improve relations between East and West Germany.

## Sequence of Lessons:

1	Division of Germany
2	Blockade/Airlift
3	Recovery of West Germany
4	Berlin as a point of tension
5	Ostpolitik
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## Topic Resources:

<b>Knowledge Map:</b>	Germany knowledge maps	<b>Any other Resources:</b>	N/A
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## Assessment:

<b>Knowledge:</b>	Knowledge test- multiple choice and short answer factual recall questions
<b>Application of Knowledge:</b>	5 marker (describe) and 8 marker (explain)

## Supportive Reading:

<b>Any supported reading listed here</b>	