

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:

This unit will explore how East and West Germany eventually became reunified. We will examine how the USSR was struggling economically and how, through a series of reforms, the Soviet Union was dissolved. We explore the impact on Germany and how the withdrawal of soviet support led to a growth of protest movements who would eventually tear down the Berlin Wall.

Lesson Sequence:

Students begin by looking at the problems with The Soviet Union; we will examine how a string of old leaders and a struggling economy resulted in multiple high profile catastrophes such as Chernobyl. We explore how The Soviet Union was reformed under Gorbachev to try to create openness and allow private ownership. We evaluate how these changes by Gorbachev resulted in the breakdown of the Soviet Union and withdrawal of troops from Germany.

As a result of a lack of soviet support, we then review how East Germans felt empowered to protest. We look at how these developments would eventually result in the breakdown of the Berlin Wall. We review the causes of German reunification so that students are able to explain how and why Germany became one country again.

As the penultimate part of their course, students will examine how The Cold War came to an end, in particular examining the breakdown of the Soviet Union. We compare and contrast how the different countries began to become independent from Russia and the impact that this had.

Finally, we explore how important the politician Helmut Kohl was in the reunification of Germany.

Sequence of Lessons:

1	Why did the GDR collapse?
2	Reunification
3	How did The Cold War End?
4	The role of Helmut Kohl in reunification
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Topic Resources:

Knowledge Map:	Germany knowledge maps	Any other Resources:	N/A
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Assessment:

Knowledge:	Knowledge test- multiple choice and short answer factual recall questions
Application of Knowledge:	45 Minute GCSE Mock

Supportive Reading:

Any supported reading listed here	