

**ADVANCE ORGANIZER: GERMANY AND EUROPE AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR / THE COLD WAR / EPOCHAL YEAR 1989**

topics and key questions	key terms
<p>The division of Europe and Germany (1945-1955)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Was there a “Zero Hour” in Germany in 1945?</li> <li>❖ 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945: Day of liberation and/or defeat?</li> <li>❖ In how far is the situation in Germany after WWII comparable to the situation in 1918? What was worse / better?</li> <li>❖ What was the effect of the Potsdam Conference on post-45 Germany?</li> <li>❖ Which effect did the changing leadership in the “Big Three” have on the results at Potsdam?</li> <li>❖ Who of the “Big Three” got most of what they wanted?</li> <li>❖ Why did a Cold War develop in Europe between 1945 and 1949?</li> <li>❖ Who was responsible for the start of the Cold War?</li> <li>❖ Was the ERP an American altruistic action only?</li> <li>❖ How did the USSR establish control over eastern Europe from 1945 to 1949?</li> <li>❖ What impact did the Berlin Airlift Crisis have on the Cold War?</li> <li>❖ In how far did differences in aims and measures of occupation policy contribute to the division of Germany?</li> <li>❖ Why was German re-armament a major issue in the early 1950s?</li> <li>❖ Did NATO and the Warsaw Pact make Europe more or less secure?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tehran Conference</li> <li>• Yalta Conference</li> <li>• unconditional surrender</li> <li>• Zero Hour (<i>Stunde Null</i>)</li> <li>• Potsdam Conference, 5Ds: Denazification, Democratization, Demilitarization, Decentralization, Decartelization; 3Rs: Re-education, Reparations, Resettlement =&gt; Memorandum of Understanding (<i>Absichtserklärung</i>)</li> <li>• occupation zones (<i>Besatzungszonen</i>)</li> <li>• displaced persons (DPs)</li> <li>• Allied Control Council</li> <li>• Nuremberg Trials (<i>Nürnberger Kriegsverbrecherprozesse</i>)</li> <li>• “Iron Curtain”</li> <li>• “salami tactics”</li> <li>• Cordon Sanitaire</li> <li>• satellite states</li> <li>• puppet governments</li> <li>• European Recovery Program (ERP) =&gt; “Marshall Plan”</li> <li>• COMINFORM (Communist Information Bureau)</li> <li>• COMECON (Council for Mutual Economic Aid)</li> <li>• Truman Doctrine: containment policy (<i>Eindämmungspolitik</i>)</li> <li>• domino theory</li> <li>• bizone / Bizonia (<i>Bizone</i>); trizone (<i>Trizone</i>)</li> <li>• Berlin Blockade</li> <li>• Berlin Airlift (<i>Berliner Luftbrücke</i>)</li> <li>• currency reforms (<i>Deutschmark &amp; Ostmark</i>)</li> <li>• FRG (<i>BRD</i>): Federal Republic of Germany</li> <li>• GDR (<i>DDR</i>): German Democratic Republic</li> <li>• FRG: Ludwig Erhard: <i>Wirtschaftswunder</i>, social market economy (<i>soziale Marktwirtschaft</i>)</li> <li>• ≠ GDR: (centrally) planned economy (<i>Planwirtschaft</i>)</li> <li>• GDR: SED (Socialist Unity Party – <i>Sozialistische Einheitspartei</i>)</li> <li>• GDR: land reform (<i>Bodenreform</i>)</li> <li>• GDR: unity lists (<i>Einheitslisten</i>)</li> <li>• Schuman Declaration</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECSC – European Coal and Steel Community (<i>Europäische Gemeinschaft für Kohle und Stahl</i>)</li> <li>• EDC - European Defence Community (<i>Europäische Verteidigungsgemeinschaft</i>)</li> <li>• Stalin / March note (<i>Stalin-Noten</i>)</li> <li>• NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)</li> <li>• Warsaw Pact</li> </ul>
<p>Basic Law and foundation of the FRG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What were the lessons learned from Weimar with regard to the creation of the Basic Law?</li> <li>❖ Did the FRG's integration into the Western bloc prevent an earlier German re-unification?</li> <li>❖ Was Adenauer a "Chancellor of the Allies"?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Law (<i>Grundgesetz</i>)</li> <li>• Allied Occupation Statute (<i>Besatzungsstatut</i>)</li> <li>• London Conference (<i>Londoner Sechsmächtekonferenz</i>)</li> <li>• Parliamentary Council (<i>Parlamentarischer Rat</i>)</li> <li>• Konrad Adenauer, Theodor Heuss</li> <li>• London Documents (<i>Frankfurter Dokumente</i>)</li> </ul>
<p>The Cold War (in Europe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Why was Germany a "focal point" in the Cold War?</li> <li>❖ How did the "German question" affect the creation of détente between East and West after 1962?</li> <li>❖ Brandt's Eastern treaties: Solution or sell-out? Was the German public opinion in favour of <i>Ostpolitik</i>?</li> <li>❖ Why did Germany become the centre of a new crisis between East and West between 1979 and 1985?</li> <li>❖ When was the Cold War most likely to turn into a "hot" war?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proxy war (<i>Stellvertreterkrieg</i>) [e.g. Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan)</li> <li>• WMDs (weapons of mass destruction)</li> <li>• MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction)</li> <li>• nuclear arms race (<i>atomares Wettrüsten</i>)</li> <li>• ≠ détente</li> <li>• 17 June 1953 (GDR)</li> <li>• Nikita Khrushchev</li> <li>• Hungarian Uprising</li> <li>• Poznan Uprising (Poland)</li> <li>• Treaty of Rome (<i>Römische Verträge</i>): EEC – European Economic Community (<i>Europäische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft</i>)</li> <li>• U2 incident</li> <li>• Berlin Crisis</li> <li>• Berlin Wall</li> <li>• Franco-German Treaty of Friendship (<i>Deutsch-französischer Freundschaftsvertrag</i>)</li> <li>• Cuban Missile Crisis (<i>Kuba-Krise</i>)</li> <li>• "space race"</li> <li>• Prague Spring (<i>Prager Frühling</i>)</li> <li>• Brezhnev Doctrine</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willi Brandt: <i>Ostpolitik</i> (Eastern policy): „change through rapprochement“ (<i>Wandel durch Annäherung</i>)</li> <li>• Moscow Treaty (USSR &amp; FRG)</li> <li>• Non-Proliferation Treaty</li> <li>• Warsaw Treaty (PL &amp; FRG)</li> <li>• Basic Treaty (<i>Grundlagenvertrag</i>)</li> <li>• Quadripartite Agreement on Berlin</li> <li>• CSCE – Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (<i>KSZE – Konferenz für Sicherheit und Zusammenarbeit in Europa</i>); Helsinki Accords</li> <li>• SALT I Treaty / SALT II Treaty (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks)</li> <li>• Able Archer 83</li> </ul>
<p>The collapse of the Soviet Union and the revolutions in eastern Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In how far was it difficult for the USSR to maintain control of eastern Europe between 1949 and 1989?</li> <li>❖ Why did the Cold War come to an end?</li> <li>❖ Was the collapse of the USSR inevitable?</li> <li>❖ Who won the Cold War?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solidarnosz (Solidarity movement) / Poland</li> <li>• Mikhail Gorbachev</li> <li>• glasnost (openness)</li> <li>• perestroika (re-structuring)</li> <li>• Ronald Reagan: “peace through strength” (Reagan Doctrine)</li> <li>• “Star Wars”: SDI Programme (Strategic Defense Initiative)</li> <li>• INF Treaty (Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces)</li> <li>• Geneva summit, Reykjavik summit</li> <li>• Velvet Revolution (<i>Samtene Revolution</i>) / Czechoslovakia</li> <li>• START 1 (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty)</li> <li>• Russian Federation</li> </ul>
<p>The reunification of Germany, 1989/90</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What were the Anglo-French attitudes towards a re-unification of Germany?</li> <li>❖ Why was Germany eventually re-unified?</li> <li>❖ Was the GDR doomed to fail a: right from the start / b: with the changes introduced by Gorbachev?</li> <li>❖ 1989 – An epochal year?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday Demonstrations</li> <li>• oppositional groups (e.g. <i>Neues Forum, Demokratischer Aufbruch</i>)</li> <li>• „We are <u>the</u> people.“ =&gt; „We are <u>one</u> people.“</li> <li>• fall of the Berlin Wall</li> <li>• Helmut Kohl: Ten Point Plan</li> <li>• Treaty on Monetary, Economic and Social Union (<i>Wirtschafts-, Währungs- und Sozialunion</i>)</li> <li>• Unification Treaty (<i>Vertrag über die Herstellung der staatlichen Einheit Deutschlands</i>)</li> <li>• “Two + Four Treaties” (2 + 4 <i>Verträge</i>) = Treaty on the Final Settlement with Respect to Germany</li> </ul>