

A Level German

Bridging Work 2023

Course Overview

A level German 2022

Aspects of German-speaking society

- Familie im Wandel
- Die digitale Welt
- Jugendkultur: Musik, Mode und Fernsehen

Multiculturalism in German-speaking society

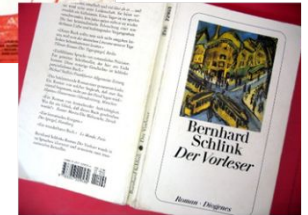
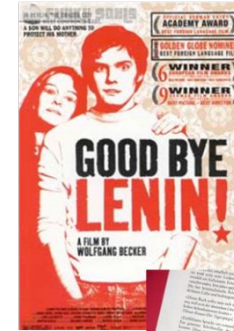
- Einwanderung
- Integration
- Rassismus

Artistic culture in the German-speaking world.

- Feste und Traditionen
- Kunst und Architektur
- Das Berliner Kulturleben damals und heute

Aspects of political life in the German-speaking world

- Deutschland und die EU
- Die Politik und die Jugend
- Die Wiedervereinigung und ihre Folgen



Goodbye Lenin
Der Vorleser

A level assessment

Paper 1:

**Listening / reading / writing
2 hours 30 minutes**

- **Social issues and trends**
- **Political and artistic culture**
- **Grammar (translation into English)**

Paper 2:

**Writing
2 hours**

- **2 x 300 word essays (1 on the film, 1 on the book)**

Paper 3:

Speaking

21-23 minutes (+ 5 mins preparation)

- **Discussion based on a stimulus card**
- **2 minute presentation about research-based topic and discussion**

Tasks for the summer.

Bridging work is split into 4 separate categories as shown below.

1. Grammar - to be completed in your copy of the booklet (on google classroom)
2. Research based tasks - To be completed in your copy of these slides.
3. Music - To be completed on Teachvid website
4. Film / TV - Notes to be completed in your copy of these slides.
5. Wider

You will find the answers for the vocabulary and translation tasks at the end of the slides.

Section 1 - Grammar

Here is a [link](#) to the A Level Grammar content.

Attached there is a grammar booklet attached for you to work through at your own pace. This will help to develop your grammatical awareness.

Section 2 - Research and historical background

You should spend time familiarising yourself with some of the key topics for A Level.

Do some research into the history of the Berlin Wall and make some slides to show what you have found out. You should find out:

- Why was it built?
- When was it built?
- How was life in the East?
- What difficulties did East German citizens face?
- When did the wall fall down?

Response Slide

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- How was life in the East?
- What difficulties did East German citizens face?
- When did the wall fall down?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x83OEzipiQo>

Watch this short youtube film and make notes.
The first two minutes re-tell the history we have looked at.
It then goes on to tell how the two divided Germanys re-united.

It is a very good summary of our learning and also goes on to how the division of Germany ended.



TASK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3MQBCoaloo>

- Watch the Youtube film above
- It may appear old and grey but it is a very good portrayal of the positives and negatives of life in the GDR / East Germany
- Make notes on what you learn about the following themes during the course of the film:



- *Portrayal of East Germany and the Soviet Union as model states*
- *Portrayal of America/Western world in East Germany*
- *Frugal/austere lifestyle*
- *The building of the Berlin Wall*
- *School Life in East Germany*
- *Popular Culture/Music in East Germany*
- *Private dreams to flee from East Germany*
- *Support and equal equality for women in East Germany*
- Hopefully you'll get a picture of the good parts of life in the DDR but also a picture of the frustrations and disadvantages of life there that led to the fall of the Wall in 1989 and the re-unification of Germany.
- But after the initial euphoria of 1989 re-unification we study how things did not go entirely smoothly for the new Germany.



New
Material

Pupil response

- *Portrayal of East Germany and the Soviet Union as model states*
- *Portrayal of America/Western world in East Germany*
- *Frugal/austere lifestyle*
- *The building of the Berlin Wall*
- *School Life in East Germany*
- *Popular Culture/Music in East Germany*
- *Private dreams to flee from East Germany*
- *Support and equal equality for women in East Germany*

Historical Background tasks

Read the texts on the next slide (the English is on the side for support).

Then, complete the vocabulary activities.

Die Teilung Deutschlands 1949-89 / The Division of Germany 1949-89

New
Material

Deutschland 1945



Berlin 1945



- Berlin war die deutsche Hauptstadt
- 1945 wurde Berlin auch in vier Besatzungszonen (Sektoren) geteilt
- Die Alliierten haben ihre Zonen kontrolliert
- 1961 hat die Sowjet Union die Berliner Mauer gebaut (,die die Grenze zwischen Ost- und WestBerlin gestärkt hat).

- The four allied countries worked together to defeat Hitler's Nazi Germany
- The allies then divided up the defeated Germany into four Zones of Occupation –largely to make sure that Germany was “de-Nazified”
- Germans were able to move between the zones in Germany and Berlin at that time
- But The **Soviet Union** was **communist** and would never work long-term with the other three powers
- So, not surprisingly, when the three Western powers in May **1949** declared that their three zones would combine to be “**Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland** “ (The Federal Republic of Germany aka: West Germany) the Soviet Union declared in October 1949 the creation of “**Die Deutsche Demokratische Republik**” (The German Democratic Republic / aka: East Germany).
- On the map on the right the Eastern (left) border of the Soviet Sektor

- Die Alliierten (Grossbritannien, die USA, Die Sowjet Union und Frankreich) haben 1945 den zweiten Weltkrieg gewonnen.
- 1945 wurde Deutschland in vier Besatzungszonen geteilt
- Die Alliierten haben ihre Zonen kontrolliert
- Aber man darf nicht vergessen: Grossbritannien, Frankreich und Amerika waren **kapitalische** Länder.
- Aber die Sowjet Union war **kommunistisch** (eine ganz andere politische Weltanschauung)



Use the texts to complete the vocabulary grid below:

1	teilen	
2	die Teilung	
3	die Sowjet Union	
4	die Vereinigten Staaten	
5	der Weltkrieg	
6	Deutschland wurde in vier Zonen geteilt	
7	kapitalistisch	
8	kommunistisch	
9		world view /view of the world
10		quite different
11		occupation zone
12	bauen	
13	die Grenze	
14	zwischen	
15	stärken	
16		The Berlin Wall

Translation Task

Deutsch	English
Die Alliierten haben den zweiten Weltkrieg gegen Hitlers Nazi-Deutschland gewonnen	
Grossbritannien, Die USA, Frankreich und die Sowjet Union haben zusammen gearbeitet, um Nazi-Deutschland zu besiegen	
Aber es gab ein Problem für die vier Mächte	
Einerseits/ auf der einen Seite waren Grossbritannien, die USA und Frankreich kapitalistisch	
Andererseits/auf der anderen Seite war die Sowjet Union kommunistisch und hatte eine ganze andere politische Weltanschauung	
1945 wurde Deutschland und die Hauptstadt Berlin in vier geteilt	
Die Alliierten kontrollierten die vier Zonen	
Im Mai wurde die Bundesrepublik geschaffen/ins Leben gerufen	
Am 7. Oktober wurde die Deutsche Demokratische Republik (die DDR) geschaffen/ins Leben gerufen	
So begann die Teilung/Trennung Deutschlands, die vierzig Jahre gedauert hat.	

3. German Music

Click on the links to watch the music videos on TeachVid. The lyrics appear in English too to help with vocabulary. Register using your Whickham School google account.

When you have listened to the song through once, click on the 'activities' and choose at least 2 tasks to test your understanding.

[Früher, Wise Guys](#)

[Aurélie, Wir sind Helden](#)

Have a look through the other songs to see if you can find anything of interest to you.

[Lyrics Training](#) is another great website where you can use music to learn languages

4. Film and TV

Film and TV is a fantastic way to improve your language skills. Watching your favourite film in German with subtitles is really useful, but there are lots of German language shows and films you can watch too!



TV Shows - Deutschland 83, 86, 89 are all available on More 4

Netflix and Amazon Prime have a range of shows you can watch.

Film recommendations - Das Wunder von Bern, Goodbye Lenin, Balloon, Die Leben der Anderen.

Try and watch at least one TV show or film. YouTube has lots available for free if you can't access subscription services.

Wider Reading Recommendations



Use the texts to complete the vocabulary grid below:

1	teilen	To divide
2	die Teilung	The division
3	die Sowjet Union	The Soviet Union
4	die Vereinigten Staaten / USA	The United States / die USA
5	der Weltkrieg	The world war
6	Deutschland wurde in vier Zonen geteilt	Germany was....divided into ..
7	kapitalistisch	capitalist
8	kommunistisch	communist
9	Die Weltanschauung	world view /view of the world
10	ganz ander	quite different
11	Die Besatzungszone	occupation zone
12	bauen	to build
13	die Grenze	the border
14	zwischen	between
15	stärken	to strengthen
16	Die Berliner Mauer	The Berlin Wall

<i>The allies won the Second World War against Hitler's Nazi- Germany</i>	Die Alliierten haben den zweiten Weltkrieg gegen Hitlers Nazi-Deutschland gewonnen
<i>Great Britain, The USA, France and the Soviet Union worked together in order to defeat Nazi-Germany</i>	Grossbritannien, Die USA, Frankreich und die Sowjet Union haben zusammen gearbeitet, um Nazi-Deutschland zu besiegen
<i>But there was a problem for the four powers</i>	Aber es gab ein Problem für die vier Mächte
<i>On the one hand Great Britain, The USA and France were capitalist</i>	Einerseits/ auf der einen Seite waren Grossbritannien, die USA und Frankreich kapitalistisch
<i>On the other hand The Soviet Union was communist and had a totally different political world view</i>	Andererseits/auf der anderen Seite war die Sowjet Union kommunistisch und hatte eine ganze andere politische Weltanschauung
<i>In 1945 Germany and the capital city Berlin were divided into four zones.</i>	1945 wurde Deutschland und die Hauptstadt Berlin in vier geteilt
<i>The allies controlled the zones.</i>	Die Alliierten kontrollierten die vier Zonen
<i>In May 1949 The Federal Republic of Germany or "West Germany" was created*.</i>	Im Mai wurde die Bundesrepublik geschaffen/ins Leben gerufen
<i>On the 7th October 1949 the German Democratic Republic (The GDR) was created.</i>	Am 7. Oktober wurde die Deutsche Demokratische Republik (die DDR) geschaffen/ins Leben gerufen
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>So began the division of Germany which lasted forty years.</i>• <i>(was created = wurde geschaffen)</i>	So begann die Teilung/Trennung Deutschlands, die vierzig Jahre gedauert hat.