

Germany



Review Words: Topography, Corrupt, and Bribe

Brief History:

Charlemagne (768-814) united much of Europe – setting foundation for France and Germany.

Otto I (962-973) ruled Holy Roman Empire.

Hapsburg Dynasty Rulers: Rudolph I, Maximilian I, Charles V, and Frederick the Great of Prussia.

Discuss how these rulers gradually became “corrupt” and accepted “bribes”.

Napoleon led French Revolution – wanting to be Emperor of all of Europe.

Many Borders: Create brown paper bag maps. Concerned about masterpieces not being identical to Germany’s borders? Start simple by making a square and adding small circles for borders.

Borders: Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, and Poland –North Sea and Baltic Sea.

Geography Main Spots: *map below*

Alps Mountains
Baltic Sea
Danube River
Black Forest
Rhine River
Berlin Wall

Famous Germans: *activity below*

Copernicus, Martin Luther, Durer, Johann Sebastian Bach, George Handel, Kepler, Felix Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Brothers Grimm, Richard Wagner, Red Baron, Adolf Hitler, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Anne Frank, Albert Einstein, Richard Strauss

Economy:

Brown coal, steel, natural gas, potatoes, wheat, barley, cabbage, beets, cattle, poultry, and pigs. (Germany is the 3rd largest agricultural producer in the European Union). Germany is the 4th largest car maker in the world: Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Volkswagen (owns Audi and Porsche).

Famous Germans Timeline Cards

Quiz students on famous Germans. Cut & create your own timeline.

Albrecht Dürer 1471-1528 painter & printmaker. Established his reputation and influence across Europe when he was still in his twenties, due to his high-quality woodcut prints.

Martin Luther - 1483 – 1546 German professor of theology, composer, priest, monk. Disagreed with Catholic Church – wrote Ninety-Five Theses (excommunicated & condemned an outlaw)

Kepler - 1571 -1630 Mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer. A key figure in the 17th century scientific revolution, he is best known for his laws of planetary motion. These works also provided one of the foundations for Isaac Newton's theory of universal gravitation.

Johann Sebastian Bach - 1685 –1750 Composer and musician of the Baroque period. One of the greatest composers of all time.

Beethoven - 1770 – 1827 Most influential composer. By his late 20s his hearing began to deteriorate, and by the last decade of his life he was almost totally deaf. During the last 15 years of his life he produced his greatest works.

Brothers Grimm - Jacob (1785–1863) and Wilhelm Grimm (1786–1859), were German academics, linguists, cultural researchers, and authors who together specialized in collecting and publishing folklore during the 19th century.

Manfred Albrecht Freiherr von Richthofen 1892 -1918, also widely known as **the Red Baron** fighter pilot with the Imperial German Army Air Service (*Luftstreitkräfte*) during the First World War. He is considered the ace-of-aces of the war, being officially credited with 80 air combat victories.

Adolf Hitler 1889 – April 30 1945 Politician who was the leader of the Nazi Party. As dictator of Nazi Germany, he initiated World War II in Europe with the invasion of Poland in September 1939 and was a central figure of the Holocaust.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906 – April 9 1945 Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi supporter. Wrote: *The Cost of Discipleship*. Arrested, imprisoned, tried and hanged in concentration camp.

Anne Frank 1929 – 1945 One of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Her diary, *The Diary of a Young Girl*, documents her life in hiding during the German occupation.

Albert Einstein - 1879 – 1955 He developed the general theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics. He was visiting the United States when Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933 and, being Jewish, did not go back to Germany. Einstein published more than 300 scientific papers along with over 150 non-scientific works.

Add more Famous Germans to your own timeline cards!

Germany Map Activities:

Label important cities, rivers, and other landmarks in Germany.

Label borders.

