

GDR timeline

1945 End of the second world war

1948-49 Berlin Blockade

May 1949 Establishment of the FRG

October 1949 Establishment of the GDR

1950 Creation of the Stasi

1951 First Five Year Plan

1953 Workers' Uprising

1955 Warsaw Pact

1956 Second Five Year Plan

1958 Khrushchev issues an ultimatum over the status of Berlin

1961 The Berlin Wall is built

1963 The launch of the New Economic System

1969 Brandt introduces *Ostpolitik*

1971 Honecker succeeds Ulbricht & the Four Powers' Agreement

1972 Basic Treaty signed by the GDR and FRG

1985 Gorbachev becomes the leader of the USSR

1987 Honecker becomes the first leader of the GDR to visit the FRG

1989 Hungary opens its borders with Austria

November 1989 The border between East and West Berlin is opened along the Berlin Wall

March 1990 Elections are held in the GDR

July 1990 Currency union between the GDR and the FRG

October 1990 The GDR and FRG are formally united