




A-level preparation

The German Democratic Republic, 1949-90

Watch 	Read 	Listen 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Germany - The Lost World of Communism - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znbX48WXUg Life behind the Berlin Wall – Pictures video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8B0jR2BEt8 Germany after the war, 1945-49 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcflnToTaWI Life on the streets of Berlin 1945 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E11KVUIm3w A talk from Oxford University about rereading East Germany http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/rereading-east-germany Film – <i>The Lives of Others</i> – gives an insight into the actions of the Stasi (secret police) in the GDR. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00jc529 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Level textbook: Edexcel AS/A Level History, Paper 1&2: Communist states in the 20th century Student Book (ISBN 978-1447985273) East Germany’s trade in human beings - https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-29889706 <p>Other Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Stasiland</i> – (this is not essential but a very interesting read). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Podcasts about the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall (1961-1989). https://www.historyextra.com/period/20th-century/rise-fall-berlin-wall-anniversary-podcast-iain-macgregor/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00jc529 Podcasts about the 1953 German Uprising against Communist rule in East Germany https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00h5jrd https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p00h5jrd A podcast about how Honecker, Leader of the GDR, was forced to step down in October 1989. https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p00kqc5f

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- Film – *Goodbye Lenin* – a young East Berliner who tries to conceal the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the GDR from his staunch communist mother after she wakes up from a coma in order to prevent the shock of the news causing her a second heart attack.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Good-Bye-Lenin-Daniel-Br%C3%BChl/dp/B073SHD3NF>

- Deutschland 83 – a series set against the real events, culture wars and political realities of Germany in the 1980s, this epic drama series is a stylish coming-of-age story, framed within a suspenseful Cold War thriller

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/deutschland-83/on-demand/62893-001>

- A podcast about the Berlin Airlift, 1948

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00t9k04>

- A podcasts about life as a Stasi agent

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01jrdsn>



- Escapes from the GDR

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/audio/2019/may/13/smuggled-over-the-border-the-school-trip-the-stasi-and-the-east-german-defector-podcast>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01hxb2g>

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Key Dates 	Key Individuals 	
<p>Make a timeline from c.1945-1990 and include a short description of the following events that make up the history of the GDR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The end of the Second World War • The Berlin Blockade • Establishment of the German Federal Republic • Establishment of the German Democratic Republic • The Ministry of State Security (Stasi) formed • The first Five-Year Plan • The June uprising • The building of the Berlin Wall • Honecker succeeding Ulbricht as the head of the SED (ruling political party in the GDR) • The reunification of the GDR 	<p>Research the following individuals and note down any points of significance e.g. what dates were they relevant, what was significant about them and how influential were they in the GDR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walter Ulbricht • Adolf Hennecke • Bertolt Brecht • Andreas Krieger • Erich Honecker • Erich Mielke 	