



World Studies: Countries, Cultures, and Connections -6

Chapter 6: Federal Republic of Germany (Bundersrepublik Deutschland) ***Section 2: A Brief History of Germany***

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Before 1871, the area known as Germany was not a united _____. It was, instead, made of many smaller German-speaking _____ and _____.
2. _____ went to war in 1870 against Prussia's King Wilhelm and the German-speaking rulers who followed him. France _____ the conflict, and a result was the _____ of Germany under Emperor (Kaiser) Wilhelm I.
3. Many of the countries were connected by _____ (agreements to defend each other in case of attack).
4. In June 1914, a group of _____ assassinated Austria-Hungary's Archduke Franz Ferdinand.
5. _____ supported Austria's invasion of Serbia, which was a friend of Russia. By August, Germany had declared war on _____ and _____.
6. Little by little, more countries entered the _____, including the United States in 1917. _____ and the Central Powers surrendered in 1918.
7. The 1919 peace _____ (Treaty of Versailles) said Germany had to pay _____ to the Allies.
8. Germany was also forbidden to have a large _____ or _____, so many military people lost their jobs.

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9. As things became worse, people blamed the _____.
10. _____ became the leader of Germany in 1933. He made sure laws were quickly passed to give him more _____.
11. Soon he had complete control of the _____ and acquired the powers of a _____. He and the _____ began working to rebuild Germany's military, making it stronger to defy the _____.
12. The _____ improved for a time, but people lost many of their _____ rights.
13. In 1939, Germany invaded _____. With that, _____ and Great Britain decided something had to be done. They declared war on Germany, and _____ began.
14. Another part of Hitler's plan to conquer the world was a strategy to systemically kill every Jewish man, woman, and child under Nazi rule. This plan was the _____.
15. World War II was the _____ conflict in human history. It is estimated that over _____ people lost their lives as a result of the war.
16. The British, French, American, and Soviet allies _____ Germany and Berlin into four zones, each under the control of one ally. The goal was to _____ the country so it would not feel the need to attack its neighbors again.

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17. Beginning in 1945, the _____ was a period of distrust and misunderstanding between the Soviet Union and its former allies in the West, particularly the United States.
18. In 1948, the Western Allies wanted to _____ Germany, but Stalin disagreed. He declared the Soviet section of the country _____ Germany; the reunited sections became _____ Germany.
19. In 1961, communist leaders built the _____ to separate the communist part of the city from the free sections.
20. With the threat that the Cold War could turn into a nuclear war, the Western European countries and the United States formed the _____ (NATO) in 1949.
21. In November 1989, the Berlin Wall was _____ down, and Germany began the process of _____.