**GERMAN HISTORY**

This is a timeline of [German](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany) history. To read about the background to these events, see [History of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Germany). See also [List of German monarchs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_German_monarchs), [Lists of office-holders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_office-holders) and [List of years in Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_years_in_Germany).

**1000 BC–1 BC**

* 1000 [BC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anno_Domini) - 500 BC, the [Germanic tribes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanic_tribes) appear in northern [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany), see the [Nordic Bronze Age](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nordic_Bronze_Age) and the [Pre-Roman Iron Age](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pre-Roman_Iron_Age).
* 600 - 300 BC (approximately) [East Germanic tribes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Germanic_tribes) move from [Scandinavia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scandinavia) into the area between the [Oder](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oder_River) and [Vistula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vistula) rivers
* 113 BC - 439 AD [Germanic Wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanic_Wars) between [Germanic tribes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanic_tribes) and the [Romans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Rome)
* 109 BC Confederation of the [Cimbri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cimbri), [Teutoni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teutoni) and [Helvetii](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helvetii) formed
* 57 BC [Julius Caesar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_Caesar)'s [Gallic Wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallic_Wars); Caesar invades region which becomes [Germania Inferior](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germania_Inferior)
* 53 BC [Eburones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eburones), [Nervii](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nervii), [Menapii](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menapii) and [Morinii](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Morinii&action=edit) tribes revolt but are put down by Caesar.
* 50 BC (approximately) [Ingvaeones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ingvaeones) become [Frisians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frisians), [Saxons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saxons), [Jutes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jutes) and [Angles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angles) by about now
* 8 BC [Marcomanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcomanni) and [Quadi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quadi) drive the [Boii](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boii) out of [Bohemia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bohemia)
* 10 BC (approximately) differentiation of localized Teutonic tribes ([Alamanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamanni), [Hermunduri](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermunduri), [Marcomanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcomanni), [Quadi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quadi), [Suebi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suebi)) in area formerly occupied by [Irminones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irminones)
* 8 Confederation of [Marcomanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcomanni), [Lugier](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lugier), [Semnones](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Semnones&action=edit), [Lombards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lombards) and others

**1 AD–800 AD**

Reconstructed [Limes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Germanic_Limes) watch tower, near [Rheinbrohl](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Rheinbrohl&action=edit), [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany)

* 9 [AD](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anno_Domini) [Battle of the Teutoburg Forest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Teutoburg_Forest) establishes the boundary between Romans and Germanic peoples.
	+ [Upper Germanic Limes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Germanic_Limes) begun
* 16 AD [Battle of the Weser River](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Weser_River) (Battle of Minden) between Romans ([Germanicus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanicus)) and [Arminius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arminius), chief of the [Cherusci](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cherusci)
* 68 [Year of the four emperors](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Year_of_the_four_emperors)
* 69 [Batavian rebellion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batavian_rebellion) of the [Batavians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batavians) led by [Civilis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaius_Julius_Civilis) against the [Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Empire)
* 90 [Germania Superior](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germania_Superior) and [Germania Inferior](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germania_Inferior) established as [Imperial Roman provinces](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_Roman_province) ([Germania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germania))
* 268 [Battle of Lake Benacus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Lake_Benacus) between the [Alamanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamanni) and [Claudius II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claudius_II)
	+ [Battle of Naissus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Naissus) between the [Goths](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goths) and [Gallienus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallienus)
* 300 - 900 (approximately) [*Völkerwanderung*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V%C3%B6lkerwanderung)
* 496 [Battle of Tolbiac](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Tolbiac) between the [Franks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franks) and the [Alamanni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alamanni)
* 530 [Pope Boniface II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Boniface_II) consecrated
* 5th - 9th century [High German consonant shift](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_German_consonant_shift) distinguishes [High German languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_German_languages) from other [West Germanic languages](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germanic_languages)
* 715 [Saint Boniface](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Boniface) begins his work as a missionary

**800–1000**

[Charlemagne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlemagne), by [Albrecht Dürer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albrecht_D%C3%BCrer)

* 800 [Charlemagne](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlemagne) crowned *Imperator Romanorum* ([Emperor of the Romans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emperor_of_the_Romans)); [Holy Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Roman_Empire) formed
* 804 [Saxons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saxons) finally conquered by Charlemagne
* 843 [Treaty of Verdun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Verdun)
* 870 [Treaty of Mersen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Mersen) divides the [Carolingian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carolingian) Empire
* 955 [Otto I, Holy Roman Emperor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otto_I%2C_Holy_Roman_Emperor) defeats [Hungarians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary) at [Battle of Lechfeld](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Lechfeld)
* 996 [Pope Gregory V](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gregory_V) consecrated

**1000–1500**

* 11th - 13th centuries [Crusades](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crusade)
* 1046 [Pope Clement II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Clement_II) consecrated
* 1048 [Pope Damasus II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Damasus_II) consecrated
* 1049 [Pope Leo IX](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Leo_IX) consecrated
* 1055 [Pope Victor II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Victor_II) consecrated
* 1057 [Pope Stephen IX](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Stephen_IX) consecrated
* 1075 start of [Investiture Controversy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Investiture_Controversy)
* 1096 [German Crusade, 1096](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Crusade%2C_1096)
* 1098 [Hildegard of Bingen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hildegard_of_Bingen) born
* 12th - 14th centuries [*Minnesänger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minnesang) singers
* 1122 [Concordat of Worms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concordat_of_Worms)
* 1147 - sixteenth century [Northern Crusades](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Crusades) (Baltic Crusades) against people of North Eastern Europe around the [Baltic Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baltic_Sea)
* 1190 [Teutonic Knights](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teutonic_Knights) formed after [Third Crusade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Crusade)
* 1190 or 1200 [*Nibelungenlied*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nibelungenlied) written
* 1214 [Battle of Bouvines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bouvines)
* 14th to 16th centuries [*Meistersinger*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meistersinger) lyric poets
* 1356 [Golden Bull of 1356](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Bull_of_1356)

[Martin Luther](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther) by [Lucas Cranach the Elder](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucas_Cranach_the_Elder)

* + [Hanseatic League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanseatic_League) officially founded
* 1370 [Treaty of Stralsund](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Stralsund) ends war between [Hanseatic League](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanseatic_League) and the [Danes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark)
* 1392 [Victual Brothers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victual_Brothers) hired by the Dukes of [Mecklenburg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecklenburg) to fight against [Denmark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark)
* 1410 [Battle of Grunwald](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Grunwald)
* 1455 [Gutenberg Bible](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gutenberg_Bible) first printed by [Johann Gutenberg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johann_Gutenberg)
* 1471 [Albrecht Dürer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albrecht_D%C3%BCrer) born
* 1495 [Imperial Reform](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_Reform); [*Reichskammergericht*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reichskammergericht) formed
* 1517 [Martin Luther](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther)'s [95 Theses](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/95_Theses)
* 1521 [Diet of Worms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diet_of_Worms) addresses [Martin Luther](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther) and the effects on the [Protestant Reformation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant_Reformation)
* 1522 [Pope Adrian VI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Adrian_VI) consecrated
* 1524 - 1526 [Peasants' War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peasants%27_War)
* 1555 [Peace of Augsburg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_of_Augsburg)

**1800s**

* 1803 [Napoleon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleon_I_of_France) imposes the [Convention of Artlenburg](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Convention_of_Artlenburg&action=edit)
	+ All of the [Imperial Free Cities](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_Free_City) but six eliminated
	+ All [ecclesiastic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prince-Bishop) land holdings in Germany [abolished](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Mediatisation)

[Battle of the Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_the_Nations) monument, [Leipzig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leipzig)

* 1804 - 1815 [Napoleonic Wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleonic_Wars)
* [Austria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria) joins the [Third Coalition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Coalition)
* 1806 Collapse of [Holy Roman Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Roman_Empire)
	+ [Confederation of the Rhine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confederation_of_the_Rhine) formed
	+ [Prussia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prussia) joins the [Fourth Coalition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourth_Coalition)
* 1807 [Peace of Tilsit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_of_Tilsit)
* 1812 [Brothers Grimm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brothers_Grimm) publish first collection of fairy tales
* 1812 - 1814 [Sixth Coalition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixth_Coalition) includes German states
* 1813 [Wilhelm Richard Wagner](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_Richard_Wagner) born
	+ [Battle of the Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Leipzig) at [Leipzig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leipzig): [Napoleon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleon_I_of_France) defeated
* 1815 [Congress of Vienna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Congress_of_Vienna)
	+ [German Confederation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Confederation) formed
* 1818 [Karl Marx](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Marx) born
* 1832 [Wilhelm Busch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_Busch) born
* 1834 [Zollverein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zollverein) formed
* 1840 First [kindergarten](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kindergarten) opened by [Froebel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friedrich_Wilhelm_August_Froebel)
* 1844 [Friedrich Nietzsche](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Friedrich_Nietzsche) born
* 1848 - 1849 The[Revolutions of 1848 in the German states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revolutions_of_1848_in_the_German_states)

Cheering revolutionaries, March [1848](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1848) in [Berlin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin)

* 1848 [Frankfurt Parliament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frankfurt_Parliament) convenes
* 1850 [*Dreiklassenwahlrecht*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dreiklassenwahlrecht) introduced in [Prussia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prussia)
* 1856 [Neanderthal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neanderthal) remains found at the [Neander valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neanderthal%2C_Germany)
* 1858 [Max Planck](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Planck) born
* 1863 [Social Democratic Party of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_Democratic_Party_of_Germany) formed
* 1866 [Austro-Prussian War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austro-Prussian_War); [Battle of Königgrätz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_K%C3%B6niggr%C3%A4tz)
* 1867 [North German Confederation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_German_Confederation) formed after collapse of German Confederation
* 1870 [Franco-Prussian War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franco-Prussian_War)
* 1871 [German Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Empire) proclaimed from North German Confederation.
* 1875 [Thomas Mann](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Mann) born
* 1879 [Albert Einstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Einstein) born
* 1886 [automobiles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automobile) with [gasoline](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gasoline)-powered [internal combustion engines](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internal_combustion_engine) produced independently by [Carl Benz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Benz) and [Gottlieb Daimler](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gottlieb_Daimler)
* 1888 [Year of Three Emperors](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Year_of_Three_Emperors)
* 1892 [Rudolf Diesel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_Diesel) invents [Diesel engine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diesel_engine)

**1900s**

* 1900 [*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%C3%BCrgerliches_Gesetzbuch) comes into effect
* 1914 [Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_in_Sarajevo)

The [Brandenburg Gate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brandenburg_Gate) decked in [Nazi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazism) flags

* 1918 End of [*Dreiklassenwahlrecht*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dreiklassenwahlrecht); [universal suffrage](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_suffrage) introduced ([women get the vote](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_suffrage) for the first time)
* 1919 [Treaty of Versailles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_of_Versailles)
	+ 1919–1933 [Weimar Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weimar_Republic)
* 1920 [Kapp Putsch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapp_Putsch)
* 1923 [Munich Putsch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich_Putsch)
* 1923 [Ruhr Crisis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruhr_Crisis)
* 1923 [Hyper-inflation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyper-inflation)
* 1923 [Gustav Stresemann](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav_Stresemann) becomes [Chancellor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chancellor) and introduces [Rentenmark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rentenmark)
* 1923 [Dawes Plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dawes_Plan)
* 1923 [Young Plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Young_Plan)
* 1925 - Joins the [League of Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/League_of_Nations)
* 1933 [Adolf Hitler](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adolf_Hitler) appointed [Chancellor of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chancellor_of_Germany); [*Gleichschaltung*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gleichschaltung)
	+ 1933 - 1945 [Nazi Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_Germany) (Third Reich)
* 1939 - 1945 [World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II) (see also [Timeline of World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_World_War_II))
	+ [Causes of World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Causes_of_World_War_II)
	+ [Events preceding World War II in Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Events_preceding_World_War_II_in_Europe)
	+ [European Theatre of World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Theatre_of_World_War_II)
	+ [The Holocaust](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Holocaust)
	+ [End of World War II in Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/End_of_World_War_II_in_Europe)
	+ [German exodus from Eastern Europe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_exodus_from_Eastern_Europe)

100-[DM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Mark) note

* + [History of Germany since 1945](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Germany_since_1945)
* 1941 [Konrad Zuse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konrad_Zuse) builds the first [computer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer), [Z3](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Z3)
* 1945 [Potsdam Conference](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Potsdam_Conference)
* 1946 [Party of Democratic Socialism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Party_of_Democratic_Socialism) formed
* 1948 [Deutsche Mark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Mark) introduced
	+ [Free Democratic Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_Democratic_Party_%28Germany%29) formed
	+ 1948 - 1949 [Berlin Blockade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Blockade)
* 1949 [German Democratic Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Germany) and [Federal Republic of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) formed (see [History of East Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_East_Germany), [Constitution of the German Democratic Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_of_the_German_Democratic_Republic) and [Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_Law_for_the_Federal_Republic_of_Germany))
	+ [Christian Democratic Union of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Democratic_Union_of_Germany) founded
	+ [Konrad Adenauer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konrad_Adenauer) becomes first post-war [Chancellor of Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chancellor_of_Germany)
* 1950s [*Wirtschaftswunder*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wirtschaftswunder)
* 1953 [Uprising of 1953 in East Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uprising_of_1953_in_East_Germany)

The [Berlin Wall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Wall)

* 1954 [West Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) wins [Football World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_World_Cup) - [The Miracle of Bern](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Miracle_of_Bern)
* 1955 Federal Republic joins [NATO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NATO); [GDR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Democratic_Republic) joins [Warsaw Pact](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warsaw_Pact)
* 1958 - [West Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) becomes 1 of the 6 founding members of the [European Coal and Steel Community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Coal_and_Steel_Community), later known as the [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union)
* 1961 [Berlin Wall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Wall) and rest of [GDR border system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GDR_border_system) built
* 1964 [National Democratic Party of Germany (NPD)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Democratic_Party_of_Germany_%28NPD%29) formed
* 1967 - 1968 [German student movement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_student_movement)
* 1970 Voting age lowered from 21 to 18
* 1970s - 1998 [Red Army Faction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_Army_Faction) operates
* 1972 [West Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) hosts the [1972 Summer Olympics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1972_Summer_Olympics) in [Munich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich). [Palestinian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestinian) terrorists cause [Munich Massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich_Massacre)
* 1973 [East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Germany) and [West Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) join [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations)
* 1974 [West Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) hosts and wins [Football World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_World_Cup)
* 1987 First ever official visit by [Erich Honecker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erich_Honecker) to the Federal Republic of Germany
* 1989 [Monday demonstrations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monday_demonstrations) in [Leipzig](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leipzig)
	+ [Berlin Wall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Wall) falls
* 1990 [Treaty on the Final Settlement With Respect to Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treaty_on_the_Final_Settlement_With_Respect_to_Germany), [Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_national_football_team) wins [Football World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_World_Cup)
	+ [German reunification](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_reunification)
* 1991 [Berlin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin) named new capital
* 1993 [Alliance '90/The Greens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alliance_%2790/The_Greens) merge
	+ Germany signs [Maastricht Treaty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maastricht_Treaty) leading to the creation of the [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union)
* 1994 [Federal Constitutional Court](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Constitutional_Court_of_Germany) says [Bundeswehr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bundeswehr) can take part in UN [peacekeeping](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peacekeeping) outside [NATO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NATO) territory
* 1999 The NATO war on [Yugoslavia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yugoslavia) is the first non-defensive war the [Bundeswehr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bundeswehr) actively takes part in.

**Since 2000**

* 2000 [Hanover](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanover) hosts [Expo 2000](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expo_2000)
* 2001 Women join [Bundeswehr](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bundeswehr) for the first time
* 2002 [Euro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euro) notes and coins introduced and replace [Deutsche Mark](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deutsche_Mark) as everyday currency
* 2005 [Pope Benedict XVI](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Benedict_XVI) consecrated
* 2005 [Angela Merkel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angela_Merkel) elected as the chancellor, marking the first woman chancellor of the government.