**German Political History**

**800's - 1400's**

* **(800)** Charlamagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor
* **(843)** Treaty of Verdun
* **(936)** Otto I crowned King
* **(1027)** Konrad II crowned Emporer of the Salians
* **(1138)** Konrad III, first Hohenstaufen Emperor
* **(1155)** Friedrich I Barbarossa crowned Emperor
* **(1250)** Beginning of the Great Interregnum
* **(1273)** Coronation of Rudolf I
* **(1312)** Heinrich VII becomes Emperor
* **(1419-36)** Hussite Wars
* **(1438)** Albrecht II Emperor House of Hapsburg

**1500's - 1800's**

* **(1517)** Martin Luther's Reformation
* **(1522)** The Knights' War
* **(1524-25)** The Peasants' War
* **(1540)** first stock exchanges developed
* **(1546)** Schmalkalden War begins
* **(1608)** Establishment of the Protestant Union
* **(1609)** Formation of the Catholic League
* **(1618-1648)** Thirty Years' War
* **(1701)** King of Prussia crowned
* **(1702-14)** War of Spanish Succession
* **(1740)** Frederick the Great crowned King of Prussia
* **(1740-42)** The Silesian War
* **(1756-63)** The Seven Years' War
* **(1803)** Territorial reform of the German states
* **(1813)** Battle of the Nations at Leipzig
* **(1847)** Communist Manifesto published
* **(1848-49)** The March Revolution
* **(1866)** Prussian-Austrian War
* **(1870-71)** Franco-Prussian War
* **(1871)** Wilhelm I crowned Prussian King
* **(1890)** Fall of Bismark

**1900's**

* **(1914)** World War I begins
* **(1918)** Declaration of the Republic
* **(1919)** World War I ends
* **(1919)** Treaty of Versailles signed
* **(1921)** Adolf Hitler becomes leader of the NSDAP
* **(1926)** Germany accepted into League of Nations
* **(1933)** Hitler appointed Chancellor of the Reich
* **(1934-1945)** Nazi Holocaust
* **(1939)** Germany invades Poland, World War II begins
* **(1941)** Germany invades USSR
* **(1944)** Allies land at Normandy
* **(1945)** Hitler commits suicide
* **(1945)** Germany surrenders, World War II ends
* **(1948-49)** Berlin blockade
* **(1949)** Federal Republic and GDR established
* **(1961)** Berlin Wall built
* **(1972)** West Germany hosts Summer Olympics
* **(1973)** West and East Germany join UN
* **(1974)** Hosts FIFA World Cups, and wins
* **(1982)** Helmut Kohl elected Chancellor
* **(1989)** Fall of the Berlin Wall
* **(1990)** Reunification of Germany
* **(1990)** Germany wins FIFA World Cup
* **(1998)** Gerhard Shroder elected Chancellor
* **(1991)** Berlin named capital

**2000's**

* **(2000)** Hanover hosts Expo 2000
* **(2001)** Women begin serving in Bundeswehr
* **(2002)** Euro introduced across Germany
* **(2005)** Pope Benedict XVI consecrated
* **(2005)** Angela Merkel elected Chancellor