

HY39620 Germany since 1945

In May 1945 the Third Reich was defeated and Germany lay in ruins. The occupation of Germany and the development of the Cold War resulted in the creation of two ideologically opposed German states. This module will examine the fall of the Third Reich, the foundation, domestic and foreign politics of the FRG and the GDR as well as their central role in the Cold War. It will explore German culture and society and themes such as memory. The module also looks at the process of re-unification in 1990 and the subsequent Berlin Republic. A range of primary sources will be used alongside secondary literature to examine the key scholarly debates on Germany since 1945.

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