

AQA History

The Quest for Political Stability: Germany 1871-1991

Transition work

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1. Germany was established as a single country in 1871. This unit starts with the Second Reich being declared, with Wilhelm I as Kaiser and Bismarck as Chancellor.

It will be useful for you to gain an understanding of how Germany became unified. To do this, you should research the following points:

- Which states made up the Holy Roman Empire
- How it was destroyed in 1806
- 1815 Congress of Vienna
- Creation 'North German Confederation' in 1867
- The Franco-Prussian War of 1870-1871.

2. A knowledge of the geography of Germany will help you understand its history. Consequently, you should research the following points to gain a greater awareness:

- The geographical location of Germany
- The countries it shares a border with
- Access to the sea
- Its terrain
- Its natural resources.

Below is the suggested reading list for the Germany unit. This is not part of the transition work but is a guide for anyone who wishes to complete reading during the summer holidays.

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- J Thomanek and B Niven, Dividing and Uniting Germany, Routledge, 2000
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- www.thehistorychannel.co.uk
- www.calvin.edu/academic/cas/gpa