

## HANDOUT 3.1 B - EVENTS IN GERMAN HISTORY PLAYCARDS

Important Events in German History: Print the following pages double-sided so that each date has a corresponding event on the opposite side!

9 C.E.

# Battle of the Teutoburg Forest; victory over Roman legions

# 800

**Charlemagne  
(747 – 814) or  
Charles the Great  
(Karl der Große)  
becomes emperor  
of the Holy Roman  
Empire of German  
Nation**

# 1187-1192

# Third Crusade and Frederick Barbarossa

# 1280s



# Founding of the Hanseatic League

# 1450

# Invention of moveable type book printing by Johannes Gutenberg (1398 – 1468)

# 1517

**Martin Luther  
(1483 – 1546) nails  
his Ninety-Five  
Theses on the door  
of All Saints' Church  
in Wittenberg  
– Beginning of  
Reformation**

# 1555

# Peace of Augsburg – End of Reformation

# 1618 – 1648



# Thirty Years War

# 1740-1786

# Frederick the Great and the Kingdom of Prussia

# 1806

# Battle of Jena, Napoleonic War

# 1814/ 1815

# Congress of Vienna

# 1848-1849



# Revolutions and Frankfurt National Assembly

# 1864-1871

# Unification of Germany, founding of the German Empire (Kaiserlich Deutsches Reich), also referred to as “Second Reich” and proclamation of William I as German Emperor; Bismarck as Architect of Unification

# 1914 – 1918

# World War I

# 1918 – 1933

# Weimar Republic

# 1933 – 1945



# National Socialist Dictatorship (Third Reich)

# 1938 – 1945

# Holocaust

# 1939 - 1945

# World War II

# 1945 – 1949

# Allied Occupation Period

# 1949 – 1990



# Separation of Germany into the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG)/ West Germany and the German Democratic Republic (GDR)/ East Germany

# August 13, 1961

# Start of the building of Berlin Wall

# November 9, 1989

# Fall of the Berlin Wall

October 3,  
1990

# German Reunification

# 2005



**Angela Merkel  
(1954\*) becomes  
the first female  
chancellor of  
Germany**