

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**

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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**