

HANDOUT 3.2 B - WHO AM I? FAMOUS GERMANS IN HISTORY - PAST AND PRESENT

747 – 814	Charlemagne or Charles the Great (Karl der Große)	Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nation
912 – 973	Otto I the Great (Otto der Große)	Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nation
1098 – 1179	Hildegard von Bingen	Religious thinker, botany and medical use of herbs
1123 – 1190	Frederick I, Barbarossa	Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nation
1398 – 1468	Johannes Gutenberg	Invented the modern book printing
1471 – 1528	Albrecht Dürer	Painter
1483 – 1546	Martin Luther	Religious thinker, started the reformation
1571 – 1630	Johannes Kepler	Mathematician
1685 – 1750	Johann Sebastian Bach	Composer and musician
1712 – 1786	Frederick the Great (Friedrich der Große)	Prussian King
1749 – 1832	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	Writer, poet, novelist, natural scientist
1759 – 1805	Friedrich Schiller	Writer, poet, novelist
1767 – 1835	Wilhelm von Humboldt	Linguist
1769 – 1859	Alexander von Humboldt	Geographer, natural scientist, Explorer
1774 – 1840	Caspar David Friedrich	Painter
1785 – 1863	Jacob Grimm	Linguist, writer, collector
1786 – 1859	Wilhelm Grimm	Linguist, writer, collector
1770 – 1827	Ludwig van Beethoven	Composer
1778 – 1852	Friedrich Ludwig Jahn	Founder of the German gymnastics movement and nationalist
1785 – 1859	Bettina von Arnim	Writer, poet, novelist
1813 – 1883	Richard Wagner	Composer, conductor, theatre director
1815 – 1898	Otto von Bismarck	Politician
1818 - 1883	Karl Marx	Writer, Economist
1819 – 1896	Clara Schumann	Composer
1838 – 1917	Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin	Inventor
1843 – 1910	Robert Koch	Natural Scientist
1844 – 1929	Karl Benz	Inventor
1845 – 1923	Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen	Natural Scientist, inventor
1858 – 1913	Rudolf Diesel	Inventor

1867 – 1945	Käthe Kollwitz	Artist, sculptor
1876 – 1967	Konrad Adenauer	Politician
1879 – 1955	Albert Einstein	Natural Scientist
1898 – 1970	Erich Maria Remarque	Writer
1892 – 1984	Martin Niemöller	Religious thinker, Holocaust resistance
1908 – 1974	Oskar Schindler	Businessman, Holocaust rescuer
1913 – 1992	Willi Brandt	Politician
1921 – 1943	Sophie Scholl	Student, Holocaust resistance
1929 – 1945	Anne Frank	Child, writer, Holocaust victim
1945*	Franz Beckenbauer	German football coach, manager and former player
1954*	Angela Merkel	Politician
1958*	Cornelia Funke	Writer
1965*	Katharina Witt	Olympic ice skater
1967*	Boris Becker	Tennis Player
1969*	Michael Schumacher	Formula One racing driver
1969*	Steffi Graf	Tennis player
1973*	Heidi Klum	Model, TV star
1978*	Dirk Nowitzki	Basketball player