

History

We start the A Level History course in Year 12 with “Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-1963.” Many of you will have studied aspects of this content but you could refresh your memory using the GCSE Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides//revision/3> or acquaint yourself with this knowledge.



The impact of war (1939-45) and the subsequent division of Germany and growth of East and West may be new to many. You could watch this documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMVq4jj1QtE> .

Context: Getting a “feel” for the time:

- “The Rise of Evil” movie really sets the scene for the early part of our Germany course (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7Odc_rtn68)
- “The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich” by Shirer is an iconic historical account of this period of history.
- The novel “The Book Thief” by Marcus Zusak is also an interesting read.
- Finally, historian Ian Kershaw presents a podcast on how to view Hitler in history (<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/history/hitlers-place-history-the-lecture-podcast>)