

Section 5: Germany: A Unified Nation
Western Europe

Guided Reading and Review

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 5, answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What two events caused Germans to become desperate after Germany lost World War I?

2. Who became dictator of Germany in 1933? _____

3. What actions led to the start of World War II in 1939?

4. By the end of World War II, what had happened to Europe and millions of people? _____

5. How was Germany divided at the end of World War II?

6. What happened to Berlin when Germany was divided? In what country was Berlin located? _____

7. How did the life of an average West German compare with the life of an average East German? _____

8. What happened to the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989?

9. How has the reunited Germany affected Germans in the east?

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Write the definitions for the following key terms in the blanks provided.

10. Holocaust _____

11. reunification _____

12. standard of living _____

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Directions: Read the statements below. If a statement is true, write T in the blank provided. If it is false, write F. Rewrite false statements on the back of this page to make them true.

- _____ 1. The mass murder of six million Jews, during World War II, is called the Holocaust.
- _____ 2. Germans in the east now enjoy a much better standard of living than they did under communism.
- _____ 3. After the Berlin Wall was destroyed, Germany began the process of partition.

B. Main Ideas

Directions: Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- _____ 4. What was one effect of World War I on Germany?
- a. People felt hopeful. c. Prices fell.
b. The economy collapsed. d. The government lowered taxes.
- _____ 5. Which of Hitler's actions led to the start of World War II?
- a. He promised to make Germany a great nation again. c. He attacked neighboring countries and forced them to submit to German rule.
b. He said Germans were a superior ethnic group. d. He blamed Germany's economic problems on German Jews.
- _____ 6. At the end of World War II, the Americans, British, French, and Soviets divided
- a. Germany into two parts. c. Russia into two parts.
b. East Germany into several regions. d. West Germany into several regions.
- _____ 7. The capital of West Germany was
- a. West Berlin. c. Munich.
b. Bonn. d. Hamburg.
- _____ 8. What is one result of unifying East Germany and West Germany?
- a. Easterners are paying lower prices for homes. c. West Germany has had to rebuild the economy of East Germany.
b. Easterners have more jobs. d. East and West Germans have free child care for the first time.