

# GERMANY

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## Historical Facts

✓ 100 BC - Germany was ruled by princes & warlords for centuries.

\* 1517 AD—Martin Luther created the Protestant Church and the Lutheran religion. Catholic & Protestant states would fight for centuries.

\* 1880—Otto Van Bismarck united the territories into one nation.

\* 1913 - Germany begins World War I.

⇒ 1918- Germany was defeated by the Allied Army (Britain, France, Canada, U.S.A., Australia, USSR and others).

⇒ 1939—World War II begins.

Adolf Hitler and his Nazi PARTY (people who share the same political views), took control of Germany in 1933.

⇒ 1941—Hitler orders the extermination of 6 million Jewish people.

This became known as the **HOLOCAUST**.

➤ 1945 - The same allies defeat Germany again.

Germany is split into two nations; **EAST GERMANY** & **WEST GERMANY**. East Germany was controlled by the Soviet Union, and became a Communist **DICTATORSHIP**. West Germany became a free, Democratic Republic.

\* 1961—The city of Berlin was split in two; a free side and a communist side.

\* 1989—Germany is **REUNIFIED** under one nation.