Germany [and Austria] 1869-2016 - *disgracefully simplified!*

1870-1914: Imperial Germany
- Four Emperors - and Bismarck
- Tremendous industrial expansion
- Increasing prosperity
- Great educational and social advances
- Imperial ambitions
- Vast standing army
- Naval race with Britain

[1870-1914: Imperial "Austria"]
- Complex sophisticated multi-ethnic society
- Ageing Emperor
- Think Viennese waltz!

Germany in WW1: 1914-1918
- Total war - on two fronts
- Dead and missing:
  Germany 2,037,000
  Austria-Hungary 1,300,000
  The British Empire 1,100,000
- Near starvation at home
- Kaiser flees - chaos!

Weimar Germany: 1919-1933
- The shadow of the VersaillesTreaty
- Revolution! Communists v Nationalists
- Hyperinflation
- Attempts at forming a democracy
- But also -
    the roaring twenties!
    Marlene Dietrich!
    the Bauhaus!

Nazi Germany: 1933-1945
- Totalitarian state
- Persecution of Jews - and others
- Territorial expansion

Germany in WW2: 1939-1945
- War on many fronts - especially Russian!
- War dead:
    Germany and Austria 7,000,000
    United Kingdom 450,000
- Massive destruction to towns and cities

Germany and Austria occupied: 1945-1949
- Four zones of occupation
- Displaced persons
- Berlin blockade - Berlin airlift
- Think *The Third Man*!

Germany divided: 1949-1990
- Bundes Republik Deutschland - West Germany
- Deutsches Demokratisches Republik - East Germany
- The Berlin Wall

Germany reunited: 1990
- The collapse of the Soviet block
- The fall of the Berlin wall
- Berlin the capital of a united Germany
- Germany lynchpin of the EU