

Germany After World War II

In June 1945 the Allied powers of France, Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union divided Germany into four zones of occupation. It would remain divided for 45 years.

The Four Zones

1. The Soviet Union occupied eastern Germany after World War II.
 - a. Locate Lubeck on Mecklenburg Bay in the Baltic Sea. Draw a wavy line from Lubeck southwest to Kassel in central Germany. Then continue the line from Kassel to the westernmost point of the present-day Czech Republic.
 - b. Label the area of Germany east of this line **SOVIET ZONE**.
2. Britain occupied northwestern Germany.
 - a. Draw a wavy line from Kassel to the northernmost point of the border with Luxembourg.
 - b. Label northwestern Germany **BRITISH ZONE**.
3. France occupied southwestern Germany along their shared border.
 - a. Find Lake Constance on Germany's southern border. Draw a wavy line from the lake northwest to the easternmost point of France. Continue due north to the British Zone.
 - c. Label the areas west of this line **FRENCH ZONE**.
4. The United States occupied southern Germany. Label the remaining area **U.S. ZONE**.

East and West Germany

5. Germany's capital, Berlin, was also occupied by each of the four Allied countries. By 1948 Berlin was split into communist East Berlin and democratic West Berlin.
 - a. On the map locate Berlin in northeastern Germany. Draw a small circle around Berlin.
 - b. What occupied zone surrounded Berlin? _____
 - c. Draw a line that divides Berlin and the circle around it into east and west.
6. Germany became a key front in the Cold War between the communist Soviet Union and the democratic United States, Britain, and France. By 1955, more than 500,000 U.S. and Soviet troops were in Germany. The former Allies had established not one but two Germanies.
 - a. The Soviet Zone became known as East Germany. Line out the Soviet Zone label and write **EAST GERMANY**.
 - b. Which zones became West Germany? _____
 - c. Line out their labels and write **WEST GERMANY**.
 - d. East and West Germany were not reunified until 1990 when the Soviets allowed free elections in East Germany. In the blank part of the map legend, write **REUNIFIED 1990**.