

Year 12 Transition

Welcome to Nailsea Sixth Form



KS5 Subject: **History - Germany 1918-1989**

Objectives for Transition Tasks:

- To start to develop expected 6th form study skills, including independence
- To culture an interest and passion for your chosen subject through enquiry
- To learn core concepts of the subject to use in your studies

Watch:

Sophie Scholl – a moving German film about a student who worked in the resistance against Hitler.

Downfall – a German film about Hitler’s last few days.

Schindler’s List – Stephen Spielberg’s acclaimed film about the Holocaust.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - (also a novel) a film about the Holocaust.

The Reader – based on a novel by Bernhard Schlink – excellent on where responsibility for the Holocaust lies and how Germany deals with the guilt of the Holocaust.

Goodbye Lenin – a comedy about life in Germany after the Berlin wall has come down.

The Lives of Others – a thriller about life in East Berlin.

Deutschland '83 – a recent TV series (on 4OD) about an East German who goes undercover in West Germany.



Independent Task (to be submitted):

Choose either one of the films/documentaries, or one of the novels. Watch or read it and write a review on one side of A4, to include what you can learn about this period of History from it.



Read:

A Woman in Berlin, Anonymous – a deeply moving diary of a German woman’s experiences of fighting for survival in the last few months of the Third Reich.

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak – a novel written from the point of view of a girl living in Berlin in the 1930s.

Schindler’s Ark, Thomas Keneally - the book that Schindler’s List is based on.

Alone in Berlin, Hans Fallada - the gripping tale of an ordinary man's determination to defy the tyranny of Nazi rule.

Iron Gustav, Hans Fallada – A powerful story of the shattering effects of the First World War on both a family and on Germany.

Metropolis, Philip Kerr – A whodunit set in 1928 Berlin as the Nazis rise to power.

Anna Seghers – The Seventh Cross. Novel written in 1942 by Jewish refugee from Germany about a breakout from a concentration camp.



Aim Higher Task:

Is your text/film historically accurate? Research one or two of the key aspects to see how reliable its content may be. Add a final paragraph to your review to explain this.



DEADLINE FOR TRANSITION TASK: Please bring to your first lesson in September.