

Teacher Material

Life in Europe 1945-1949

Evidence Files – A summary of the Files (organized by theme title of file).

Title of file/type of evidence	a) Textbook introduction	b) Historians' views	c) Maps	d) Europe-wide statistics	e) Photographs	f) Film footage from the time	g) Written accounts from eye-witnesses	h) Political photograph	i) Official documents
1) Infrastructure destruction	Intro to title.	Keith Lowe in "Savage Continent: Europe in the aftermath of World War II"	Maps of the scale of fighting and destruction on the eastern front in 1944 and of bombs dropped on central London in WW2	War losses attributable to physical destruction (percent of assets)	Dresden in 1930s and in 1945	Sunshine on the ruins INA/France	Memory of Ford factory in Cologne, Germany.	Photograph showing the rebuilding of the Stockholm Metro in Sweden.	Motion tabled on 16 August 1950 to the Council of Europe recommending a European Transport Organization with the aim of improving the existing transport networks.
2) Changing borders	Intro to title.	Tony Jut paragraph from 'Postwar'	Maps of Europe before 1938 and	The numbers of refugees affected by	Photo of inner German	Our troops in Berlin - INA/France	An eye-witness to the discussions about the	Hole in the Berlin Wall, East-German border	Military projections about number of people displaced with

		comparing border changes post WW1 and post WW2	also of central Europe in 1945-9.	changing borders.	border checkpoint.		French zone of Germany.	guards look through it.	different border options.
3) Hunger and hardship	Intro to title	Extract from Vernon 'Hunger a modern history' about levels of hunger in Europe	Biogeog map of Europe to suggest different climate.	1946 UNO Commission statistics about calories per day.	Photo of Milan in winter of 1947.	Cold weather strains in the winter of 45 INA/France	Extract of Dimbleby's account of Belsen liberation.	Employee of the labor office collapsed in the street due to malnutrition.	Extracts from British Red Cross reports about Germany.
4) Displaced people and refugees	Intro to title.	Tony Judt: Postwar, a history of Europe since 1945, London, 2010, pg. 29	Displaced persons' camps in 1946.	Statistics about countries accepting refugees from other countries.	Photo of POW column in Yugoslavia, May 1945.	German refugees in Frihavenen DR/Denmark.	Extract from the memoir of a refugee in Germany.	Population transfer of how the Poles were expelled from Central Poland by Nazi Germany in 1939.	Registration document of a Latvian citizen in Germany.
5) Destroying the National Socialists' world	Intro to title	Opinion poll data from Germany quoted in The "Hitler Myth": Image and Reality in the Third Reich,	Map of National Socialist reach in 1942 and then at defeat.	Marshall Aid by country per capita.	Photo of 5-year socialist plan explanation in Yugoslavia.	The biggest trial in history gives its verdict INA/France.	An eyewitness to treatment of women accused of horizontal collaboration in France.	Judges at the Nuremberg trials listening to translated evidence.	US High Commissioner report extract from 1950.

		by Ian Kershaw.							
6) New governments	Intro to title	Quote about Soviet control from 'Iron Curtain. The crushing of Eastern Europe 1944-1956' by Anne Applebaum.	Map of Europe showing Cold War divisions	% of Europe's people living under dictatorships in 1950	Resignation of Czech ministers in 1948,	1st meeting of UNO 1946 INA/France	Women become voters in Italy.	Potsdam Conference discussion between world leaders to establish the post-war order.	Preamble of the constitution of the 4 th French Republic
7) Life goes on!	Intro to title	Quote about setting up schools from 'DPs: Europe's Displaced Persons, 1945-51', by Mark Wyman	Map of the founding of the United Nations.	European birth rates in various countries in 1946.	VE Day celebrations – London.	1 st anniv of the liberation of Paris – INR/France	Memories of children aware that some things were not to be talked about.	John Bradley, US navy hospital Corpsman smiling when rewarded with the <i>Navy Cross</i> .	Health care provision in the UK in 1948.
8) Never again!	Intro to title	Quote about postwar consensus from Mark Mazower: 'Dark Continent'	Map of Europe's WW2 casualties.	Votes on the UN declaration of Human Rights in 1948.	Contrasting photos on two memorial sites.	Estab of ECSC INA/France	Eleanor Roosevelt on the UN Declaration to Human Rights in 1948.	The Hague Congress in 1948. Seen as the start of the first federal moment in European History.	Extract from 1948 Hague conference.