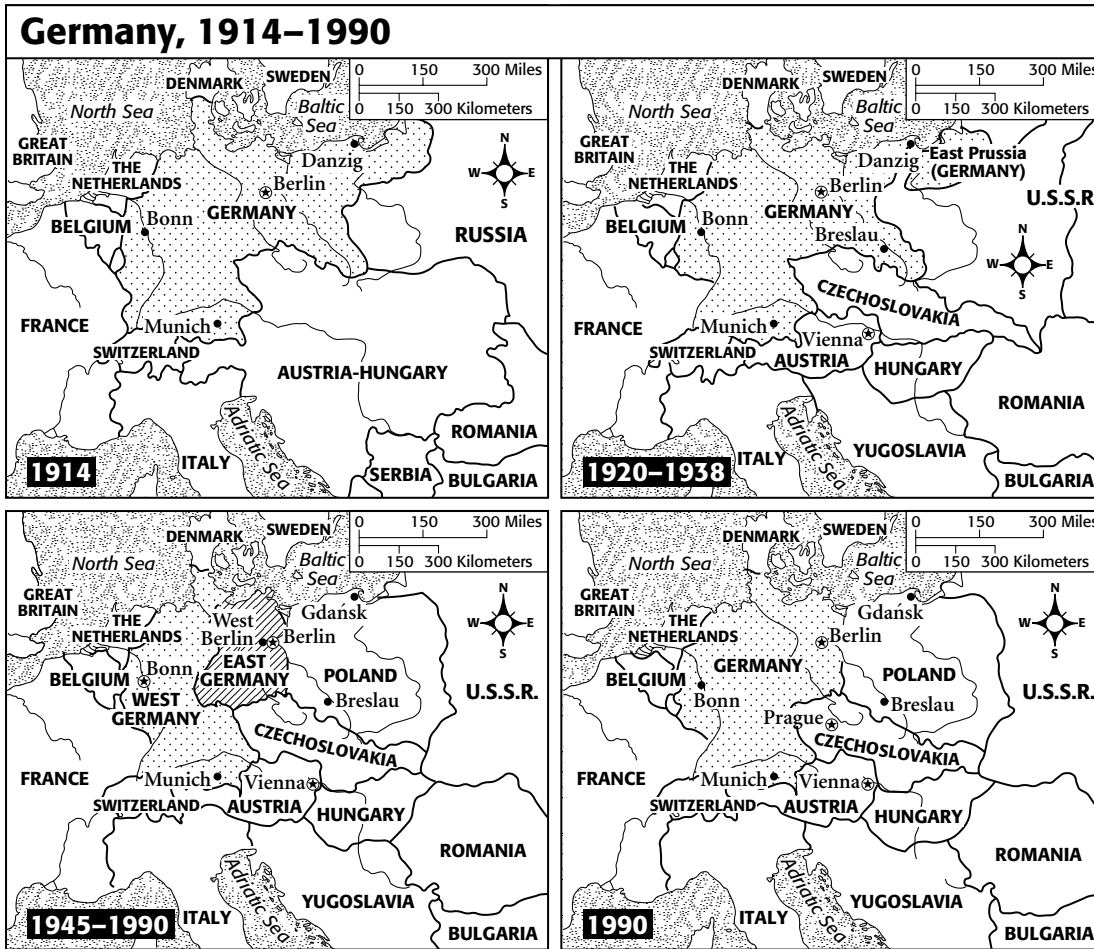


CHAPTER 15

Map Activity

Territorial Changes in Germany

The borders of Germany shifted many times in the 1900s as a result of world wars and the rise and fall of communism in Europe. Examine the four maps below, then answer the questions on the following page.



Chapter 15, Map Activity, continued

1. What do the four maps show?

2. How were Germany's borders different before and after World War I, which lasted from 1914 to 1918? What countries gained portions of German territory?

3. How did the outcome of World War II, which ended in 1945, alter Germany's borders once again? What two German capitals existed in the postwar period?

4. How did Germany change again in 1990?

5. **Critical Thinking: Location** During the two world wars, Germany tried to expand its territory by conquering neighboring lands. How do you think Germany's location contributed to desires for expansion? What was the result?

ACTIVITY The reunification of Germany was an important event not only for Germany but for all of Europe. Find a news article or editorial about German reunification that focuses on one or more of the issues involved. Write a summary of the article and discuss it in class.