



# CARRY ON THE FLAME

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## The 9th of November – a special day for German history

The 9th November is a very special day in the German history. At this day happens four important things in Germany. The 9th November 1848 was named the `hot autumn`. It was the day of the national assembly in Wien. But along the way there were bloody excesses between the vigilantes and the radical demonstrators. Robert Blum was one of the radical demonstrators who dies after being in arrest. He was condemned to death and was shoot.



*„November revolution 1918 in Berlin:  
A lorry with revolting soldiers drives  
through Brandenburg gate“  
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One remarkable event took place almost 100 years ago. 1918 was the `November Revolution`. It was the day when Germany became a democracy. The German emperor Wilhelm the second escaped to the Netherlands.



*Odeonssquare in Munich after the  
coup, Nov. 9th 1923, Bundesarchiv,  
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The 9th November is not only due to the Hitler coup (1923) and the Reichsprogromnacht (1938) a date, that has negative events. The coup failed in the end and Hitler became arrested. On the 9th of November in 1938 synagoges and jewish shops were attaced and burned down.



The national holiday should send out a clear message and this is not the case through the acts of events.

*Destroyed shop in Magdeburg,  
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*Munich, destroyed Ohel-Jakob-  
Synagoge 1938, Bundesarchiv, Bild  
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*Standing on the Berlin wall - Nov. 9th  
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The most important date is the 9th of November 1989. This is the day of the falling walls. The wall was the borderline between East and West Germany. The GDR (German Democratic Republic) had built a fortified border, because the people in East shouldn't escape. People who tried to escape were arrested or killed by the border guards. Peter Fechter was one of the people that was shot by the border guards. But he was only one of 175 people were killed. At the Night from 9th to 10th November 1989 people climbing of the walls and were happy of the opening of the borderline.