

Module 2 European Studies through Digital Historical Developments

Lecture Plan No. 1

Topic 1: Key Historical Events Shaping European Unity

1. General Information

- **Duration:** 90 minutes
 - **Format:** Lecture + Timeline Analysis + Interactive Discussion
 - **Target Audience:** Higher Education students, historians, researchers, policy analysts
 - **Required Materials:** Digital historical archives, interactive maps, presentation slides, policy documents
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2. Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, participants will be able to:

- Identify key historical events that contributed to European unity.
 - Analyze the role of historical milestones in shaping European identity.
 - Evaluate the influence of historical events on modern EU policies.
 - Utilize digital tools for historical research and analysis.
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3. Lecture Structure

Part 1: Introduction to European Historical Unity (20 min)

- The concept of European unity in historical context
- The impact of war and diplomacy on European integration
- Early attempts at European cooperation before the 20th century

Part 2: Key Historical Events and Their Impact (30 min)

- **Event 1:** The Treaty of Westphalia (1648) – The foundation of modern state sovereignty
- **Event 2:** The Congress of Vienna (1815) – The balance of power in Europe
- **Event 3:** The Treaty of Rome (1957) – The creation of the European Economic Community (EEC)
- **Event 4:** The Maastricht Treaty (1992) – The birth of the European Union
- **Event 5:** The Lisbon Treaty (2007) – Strengthening EU governance
- Digital archives and historical datasets for event analysis

Part 3: Digital Tools for Historical Research (20 min)



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- The role of AI and big data in historical analysis
- Online archives and repositories for European history
- Case study: Using digital maps to visualize European integration

Part 4: Interactive Discussion & Timeline Activity (20 min)

- Participants create a digital timeline of European unity milestones
 - Group discussion on the long-term impact of historical events on modern EU policies
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4. Assessment & Follow-up Activities

- **Digital Timeline Assignment:** Students construct a visual timeline of key European unity events.
 - **Historical Analysis Paper:** Participants write a brief essay on how one historical event shaped modern EU integration.
 - **Recommended Reading & Resources:**
 - European Union Historical Archives
 - Treaty of Rome (1957) full text
 - The Maastricht Treaty (1992) official document
 - Digital tools for historical research in European studies
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5. Conclusion

This session provides an in-depth exploration of historical milestones that contributed to European unity, using digital tools to analyze their long-term impact on European identity and governance.

