

## PRINCIPAL DATES

- 1906 Born on 14 October in Hannover
- 1909 Family moves to Königsberg
- 1913 Death of her father
- 1924 Passes the *Abitur* (exams that enable entrance to university)  
Attends Marburg University; student of Martin Heidegger
- 1925 Affair with Heidegger begins
- 1926 Moves to Heidelberg University, summer semester;  
student of Karl Jaspers  
Meets Kurt Blumenfeld
- 1926–1927 Attends Freiburg University, winter semester; student of Edmund Husserl
- 1927–1928 Returns to Heidelberg; completes her doctoral dissertation on “The Concept of Love in St. Augustine” (published in 1929)
- 1929 Marries Günther Stern; moves to Berlin  
Begins work on *Rahel Varnhagen*
- 1933 Increased political involvement; Zionist activities lead to her arrest; flees to Paris and continues her work for Zionist organizations
- 1935–1938 Secretary General of Youth Aliyah, Paris (visits Palestine in 1935)
- 1936 Meets Heinrich Blücher
- 1937 Arendt and Stern divorce
- 1938–1939 Works for the Jewish Agency, Paris
- 1940 Marries Heinrich Blücher  
Internment as enemy alien in Gurs, southern France
- 1941 Arendt and Blücher flee, via Lisbon, to the United States; arrive in New York in May

- 1941–1945 Columnist for the New York émigré paper *Aufbau*; also writes a series of articles on Zionism, statelessness, racism, and imperialism for political periodicals
- 1944–1946 Pursues research on behalf of the Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction
- 1945 In the autumn, Arendt and Karl Jaspers reestablish contact by letter, renewing a correspondence that had been interrupted by the war
- 1946–1948 Works as an editor of Schocken Books, New York
- 1948 Death of her mother  
Editor of Bernard Lazare, *Job's Dungheap: Essays on Jewish Nationalism and Social Revolution*  
Publication of *Sechs Essays*
- 1948–1950 In a series of articles, Arendt argues for the establishment of a federal Palestine, with Jews and Arabs as equal parties
- 1949–1952 Executive director of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction
- 1949 Begins a correspondence, and a friendship, with Mary McCarthy (they had first met in 1944)
- 1949–1950 Travels to Europe on behalf of Jewish Cultural Reconstruction; meets Karl and Gertrud Jaspers (December 1949); meets Heidegger (February 1950)
- 1951 Publication of *The Origins of Totalitarianism*  
Becomes an American citizen
- 1952 Begins work on *Totalitarian Elements of Marxism*, a sequel to *The Origins of Totalitarianism*; it was never completed but parts of the project appear in later essays and books
- 1953 Delivers a series of lectures at Princeton University on “Karl Marx and the Tradition of Political Thought”
- 1955 Visiting Professor at Berkeley, University of California
- 1956 Delivers, in the spring, the Walgreen Lectures at the University of Chicago on the *vita activa*
- 1958 Publication of *The Human Condition*  
Publication of *Rahel Varnhagen: The Life of a Jewess*
- 1959 Publication of “Reflections on Little Rock”  
Delivers lectures to Princeton University on the concept of revolution  
Receives the Lessing Prize of the Free City of Hamburg

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- 1961 Publication of *Between Past and Future: Six Exercises in Political Thought*. (Revised edition, with two additional essays, 1968)  
Covers the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem
- 1963 *The New Yorker* publishes Arendt's report on Eichmann in a five-part article. A revised version is published in book form as *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*. Publication of *On Revolution*
- 1963–1967 Arendt teaches at the University of Chicago
- 1967–1975 Professor at the New School for Social Research, New York
- 1967 Awarded the Sigmund Freud Prize by the German Academy for Language and Literature
- 1968 Publication of *Men in Dark Times*
- 1969 Death of Karl Jaspers on 26 February. On 4 March, Arendt delivers the eulogy at the public memorial service for Jaspers at the University of Basel  
Awarded the Emerson-Thoreau Medal of the American Academy
- 1970 Death of Heinrich Blücher on 31 October
- 1972 Publication of *Crises of the Republic*
- 1973–1974 Delivers the Gifford Lectures in Aberdeen, Scotland  
Suffers a heart attack in May
- 1975 At an award ceremony in Copenhagen, Arendt receives the Danish government's Sonning Prize for Contributions to European Civilization  
Dies of a heart attack on 4 December; her funeral takes place on 8 December
- 1978 Posthumous publication of *The Life of the Mind* (two volumes), edited by Mary McCarthy