## **13A Deutschland 83 Episode 1 – Representation**

## Do the set of scenes AFTER the ones you were given for the walkthrough so last group does the opening REMEMBER Not just characters DRCAGES also representations of Social Groups/Events/Issues

|   | Scene<br>Name                                  | Significant<br>screen grab | Who/what is the focus of representation in the sequence?   | Are stereotypes use representation stere it challenge stereoty Under represented i  | eotypical or does<br>/pes?   | Does the focus of representation feel 'real' and 'truthful'? Is it misrepresented in any way? If so, how?   | How is the representation constructed through the use of media language? Camera/ Editing/Sound/ Mise-en-scène  | What key signs and connotations are used in the sequence? What meanings do they offer?   |
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| 1 | East German Diplomat ic Mission – West Germany |                            | Ronald Reagan's speech in english, Lenora is the focus of the first scene and her link with the West, because of her cigarettes and coffee | Lenora is represented as mischievous and cunning as she is shown to be a part of the government through her reaction to the president yet, this is a general representation of parts of the government as secretive | President represented stereotypically as a powerful, authoritarian person as it is one of his real speeches being watched Lenora is represented as being a powerful figure also as she is in an office and appears to make an official call, this is not stereotypical for women | Representations feel real and truthful as the Reagan speech is an actual video of his presidency and not a reenactment. Lenora's character also feels real as this type of character is used commonly in programmes of this genre, demonstrating verisimilitude | The Reagan shot is a close up shot of the TV, giving his part in the programme prevalence. The episode starts with a long shot of the building in which the first episode takes place in, the linear constructions could mirror the constraints in which people from the East are held by. The second shot is a shot | TV shows how the media only show what they want the Eastern population to watch. Cigarette inside shows time frame Cigarettes and coffee show defiance and secrecy on the East side as they are trades from the West |

| 2 | Barracks – Border Crossing               | the representation power and control with the army. creating this regimented hold on the people within the country. | they are represented as sly, cunning and witty and the ability to change in and out of their roles within their jobs to inflict fear and regementation into the public who do wrong. keeping everyone in check and them in control. | the stereotype of of military is first portrayed and shown. with the strict characteristics and the idea of no remorse showing through. yet once the job is done they laugh and joke which breaks the stereotype. | representation does feel real as they are focused when on the job as it can be life and death circumstances so they have to be believable and strong. but when it's over they are normal people at the end of the day so they can have a personality. | moving close to the back of Lenora's head, showing her significant within the scene as she is in the middle of the shot.  A slightly below eye level shot of the people which then makes the officer look even taller due to the fact he is on the table inflicting power onto his personality/ aora. The plain dull yellow can represent a cell as this could their next destination if they are found guilty. The harsh single light above them could represent the idea of a interrogation spotlight remind us that this is a serious matter. | the books from shakespeare as this is only eastern culture so in the west it is not excepted. as of the communist culture and government they are only allowed specific items no luxury. |
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|   | German<br>Foreign<br>Intellige<br>nce HQ |   |   |   |   |  |  |

| 4 | Rauch  | Martin is the main  | Martin is depicted as  | Yes, Martin is a    | Martin appears to be | Am Fenster by City    |
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|   | Family | focus in this scene | a loyal, family man in | stereotypical slim, | part of a family,    | is the song playing   |
|   | Home   |                     | love with his          | healthy fit soldier | stereotypical to the | in the background     |
|   |        |                     | girlfriend 'Annette'.  | who cares for       | time in which D83 is | (diegetic) is         |
|   |        |                     | he is portrayed as a   | everyone and has    | set.                 | important in the      |
|   |        |                     | loyal soldier to the   | a female figure to  |                      | construction of the   |
|   |        |                     | Eastern army.          | come home to and    |                      | representation of     |
|   |        |                     | Lenora is previously   | a welcoming,        |                      | the family as this    |
|   |        |                     | depicted as            | loving family.      |                      | song was originally   |
|   |        |                     | mischievous, and       | Lenora, is not a    |                      | released in 1978 in   |
|   |        |                     | now her character in   | stereotypical aunt  |                      | East Berlin and       |
|   |        |                     | this scene is loving   | as there is a       |                      | was one of few        |
|   |        |                     | and caring, showing    | underlying          |                      | songs the people      |
|   |        |                     | a different side to    | mischievous trait   |                      | could listen to.      |
|   |        |                     | her but leaves the     | to her which is     |                      | camera- important     |
|   |        |                     | audiences              | unclear to the      |                      | as it shows they      |
|   |        |                     | wondering what is      | audience, but she   |                      | are having a          |
|   |        |                     | genuine with her?      | is portraying a     |                      | typical garden        |
|   |        |                     |                        | loving family       |                      | party for her         |
|   |        |                     |                        | member in this      |                      | birthday,             |
|   |        |                     |                        | specific scene.     |                      | suggesting they       |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | are not well off like |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | most families in      |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | East Germany, and     |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | as seen later on in   |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | the programme         |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | the other family      |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | (Edel's) have a       |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | more fancy party      |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | with a nicer larger   |
|   |        |                     |                        |                     |                      | house and garden.     |

| 6<br>Group 2 | Opening<br>Sequenc<br>e | • The main focus represented in the opening sequence is the divide of East and West Germany with the bright colours on the map. The bright colours against the dark colours show the context of East and West germany. |   | There are some stereotypes shown as you can see the way people are dressed and are acting in the titles. They use original pictures from the 1980s of riots, which puts the representations in to context. | The representation feels real and truthful as they   |  |   |
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| 7            | News<br>Reports         | The focus is the famous Reagan speech 'Evil Empire' about how the communist way of living is inhumane.   | Communism is still represented in a bad light in the media for example North Korea and China. Although not as much as China due to the fact we need them allie. | •  |  |  |   |
| 17           | Barracks                | The focus is on Martin and he is depicted as very alone in this situation.   | The scene shows the difficulty of fitting in with an established group and the rejection that can be felt.  | This challenges<br>the stereotypical<br>soldier because<br>they are often<br>portrayed as<br>emotionally   | I do feel that the<br>representation is<br>real for a man that<br>has the matter of<br>national security<br>piled on his | The use of the extreme long-shot of Martin using the phone to call home with the | The payphone is often associated with a disruption to an equilibrium for example in |

|    |        | He is attempting to call home to the East which represents how homesick he is.  The use of negative space around him in the longshot of him using the phone shows how he is in such a large unknown place on his own. | the loneliness and homesickness that is felt by soldiers and spies is often under-represented in the media because there is often a focus on the violence that they experience  | numb, whereas Martin is quite emotional and in need of comfort from his family and friends.  He also goes against the typical loyalty of soldiers as he is betraying him by being a spy in their barracks | shoulders although i feel that in a time like this of such importance he would have been given more guidance and support  | use of negative spacing is hyperbolic of how small he feels being placed into a new country on his own.  In addition to this when Alex is introduced to Martin he is on a higher step with a slightly low-angle shot. This portrays how people feel when moving into an established group and the difficulty that is felt trying to fit in. | a police station. therefore it connotes that there is likely to be a disruption to the equilibrium of the narrative soon and it is related to the loneliness that he is feeling. |
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| 18 | Office | Who/what is the focus of representation in the sequence?  It is between an older woman and young man. Both in the working world   | Is the focus of representation common within the media in general? Or, is the focus usually under-represented? Roles are subverted, woman is in the higher position and is teaching the man what to do and how to do it. This | Are stereotypes used? Is the representation stereotypical or does it challenge stereotypes? Challenges stereotypes  | Does the focus of representation feel 'real' and 'truthful'? Is it misrepresented in any way? If so, how?  Feels real as mise en scene adds to the the realism and roles of man and woman | How is the representation constructed through the use of media language? Camera/ Editing/Sound/ Mise-en-scène   | What key signs and connotations are used in the sequence? What meanings do they offer?   |

|                             |                  |   | representation is<br>not common in the<br>media and that<br>women being<br>smarter, more<br>important wiser<br>and older than<br>men   |  |   |   |  |
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| е                           | Edel's<br>Office | The focus is on Edel<br>and Martin. Edel is the<br>higher authority and is<br>ordering Martin to do<br>things   |  |  |   |   |  |
| 21<br>Molly<br>Dan<br>Holly | Barracks         | In this scene we are shown Martin supposedly 'sleeping'. the representation of focus is on him practicing picking a lock in order to perfect it for his mission. represents the distrust between both sides and him being loyal. Representation of youthful and naivety of being in the a new 'world' | The representation is general to us as an audience because he is betraying the west side by being an undercover spy for the east. A typical thing for a east german to be doing. | The stereotype of west being laid back and chilled, weaker than the east is being represented. | it feels real because martin is scared of being caught by the west i.e. jumps from loud thud. Makes it feel truthful because no one wants to be caught out by the enemy | The close up shot of the lock picking and when he successfully does so. Slow pan at first from behind martin to make audience think hes asleep at first until it cuts to close up of lock. Sound of lock and thud. in the dark/nighttime to show how at night its more scary and secretive. Also tell | the lock is the denotation to the connotation the whole idea of him braking the trust of the western people. |

| 22 | Base | The focus in this scene is of the news report about the united states justifying its militaristic policy. By having these news reports shows verisimilitude and helps link back to the mission for martin. | Martin is represented as innocent and vulnerable as we watch him try to make conversation with Mrs Netz. a typical representation of how he is youthful and how he's trying his best to fit in. | a stereotype could be that it was unlikely for a black man (i.e. general Jackson) to hold as much power in the 80's. This possibly challenges the stereotype of ethnicity. | The news report helps the scene feel real and truthful as it shows different channels talking about the current news affairs as well as it being on an 80's style TV. Making it more believable that a news report like this was released back then. | hes asleep from pyjamas  The use of the camera angle being eye-level and slowly panning inwards towards the TV make it feel for us as an audience that we are actually there watching the news report.  A non-diegetic deep, mysterious instrumental is played over the top of the report to help reinforce how serious the situation is. This is accompanied with jump cut shots i.e. between the TV and people walking holding a briefers of (northans) | Repetitive close up shots of briefcase show the significance of it for martin's mission.  TV potentially from the west as we know the east did not own as highly developed technology as the west side.  Also helps show time frame.  Cigarettes also help show time frame as martin isn't used to buying these. |
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|    |      |  |   |  |  | walking holding a<br>briefcase (perhaps<br>holds relevance)   |  |

| 23 | Canteen                 | In this scene, the main focus is Jackson, and how the men are taking the mick out of his new toys, this links to his power   | The fact they are taking the mick out of their general, shows Martin as not trustworthy  | The stereotype of<br>the soldiers, all in<br>army uniform in a<br>big canteen all<br>eating together.                                    | It feels real as there is<br>a representation<br>throughout of Martin<br>being untrustworthy<br>as he is spying on the<br>West   |   |   |
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| 24 | Base                    | Martin is represented as being loyal and honorable to his country. He also is show as to be resourceful and attempted as he uses the skills that he learnt to his advantage. | Martin is represented as brave within this scene as even when he hears the others coming back to the room he finishes the job he went there to do. This fits the typical stereotypes of a officer/spy. | Martin fits the stereotypes of being a loyal, hardworking, brave, attemptive border officer.   | The representations of Martin seem real because of what we have already learnt about the character and how he is a family man and wants to be there and help his family so if this means doing something he doesn't want to he will. |   |   |
| 25 | Bonn –<br>Edel<br>House | The west is more free, better food, unlimited amounts of alcohol.  The party is the main focus and the people there.   | This is the first time we properly see the western culture. Not common in east and west conflict films.  | Stereotype of the west is fine and dandy, careless. This is shown through alcohol and bbq and that daughter of Ebel singing a army song. | Yes and no. The setting seems realistic but if eel the people would not be as merry as their is the threat of a nuclear war on their doorstep.   | Bright, bold colours- solid. Trendy clothes. Set in greenery. Vibrant makeup and smiles. Props of wine and food used at the beginning and end of episode- luxury. | The telephone-shows spy nature. BBQ- luxuries of the west. Drug in drink. |

| 26 | Outside<br>Edel<br>House | The focus of representation in this seen would be ursula and showing how the east soldiers have drugged her with the intention of potentially killing her | the focus of representation is common with the media in general as east is seen as secretive and sneaky in the media and the west is seen as oblivious and naive | stereotypes are used in this as the east are represented as being sneaky and willing to do anything for the east communism however females are again stereotyped as being easy to take advantage of and should not be told anything | the representation is real in this sequence as it shows how the east constantly try to take advantage of the west whilst the west live in constant fear of rash decisions made from the communist east. it is also truthful represented as they show how the west is more westernized and democratic. | representation is shown through mise en scene in this sequence as the east soilders are still dressed in uniform showing how they never stop working for the communist. the east is also represented in the props such as the bottle of alcohol which shows carelessness and fun. |  |
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| 27 | Training | Marie Con I  | In this sequence-       | The aunt is          | The aunt may be     | i feel cautious of the   | camera- close up,   | forests connates   |
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|    | in the   |  | training in the wood    | represented well     | considered as       | aunt- as if she is able  | uses dramatic fast  | isolation- danger, |
|    | woods    | 141  | scene especially.       | knowledgeable,       | stereotyped as      | to put her grandsons     | beat music when     | potential to build |
|    |          | The second of the bird of the leading of the second of the | focuses the             | intelligent- getting | upper class- due to | life in extreme danger   | the aunt catches    | tension.           |
|    |          |  | representation of       | her grandson to do   | her clothing and    | what else is she         | him. the camera     |                    |
|    |          |  | moritz looking          | the dangerous work.  | level of power she  | capable of. she clearly  | moves with the      |                    |
|    |          |  | suspicious then his     | where as martin is   | has as she is able  | is very work driven      | characters- over    |                    |
|    |          |  | Aunt interrupts him to  | represented as       | to take control of  | and cares very little of | the holder          |                    |
|    |          |  | force him to stay       | innocent- wanting to | the male            | family and the correct   | camering. in the    |                    |
|    |          |  | longer as a easton spy  | help his family and  | participants in the | morals and values. i     | forest- something   |                    |
|    |          |  | serving in west         | country- his aunt is | group. organising   | feel she is              | surprious going to  |                    |
|    |          |  | germany. representing   | taking advantage of  | the entire mission. | represented in this      | happen- isolated    |                    |
|    |          |  | her as cold and         | his morals and       |                     | way to increase the      | area. no direct     |                    |
|    |          |  | emotionless. Doesn't    | values. There is a   |                     | tension of the           | address- eye level. |                    |
|    |          |  |                         | clear difference in  |                     | situation more so- to    | contact between     |                    |
|    |          |  | care about her family's | which both           |                     | see the extent of        | the two characters  |                    |
|    |          |  | well being. forcing     | characters are       |                     | danger she is            | to increase the     |                    |
|    |          |  | martin to stay          | represented.         |                     | presenting him to.       | danger his aunt is  |                    |
|    |          |  | otherwise she won't     |                      |                     | Martin is represented    | expecting to put    |                    |
|    |          |  | help his mother who is  |                      |                     | truthfully.              | himself into.       |                    |
|    |          |  | very sick- blackmail.   |                      |                     |                          |                     |                    |