list of significant historical characters in *Der Untergang / The Downfall*

Adolf Hitler (played by Bruno Ganz)
Traudl Humps Junge (played by Alexandra Maria Lara): Hitler's youngest personal secretary, 1942-1945. Released an autobiography in 2002 and appeared in the documentary <i>Im toten Winkel / Blind Spot</i> , also in 2002. She died in Munich that same year.
Eva Braun (played by Juliane Köhler): Hitler's girlfriend and, very briefly, his wife. Committed suicide together with Hitler in April 1945.
Hermann Fegelein (played by Thomas Kretschmann): Obergruppenführer or General in SS. Part of Hitler's inner circle, due in part to marriage to Eva Braun's sister and service as Himmler's adjutant starting 1943. Fled bunker in April 1945 but was caught. Circumstances of death uncertain, but most likely executed in April 1945.
Alfred Jodl (played by Christian Redl): A top officer in the Wehrmacht High Command. Signed the unconditional surrender in May 1945. Hanged October 1946 after Nuremberg Trial.
Magda Goebbels (played by Corinna Harfouch): Joseph Goebbels's wife. Had some role in the murder of their six children in Hitler's bunker. Died May 1, 1945 along with Joseph Goebbels.
Joseph Goebbels (played by Ulrich Matthes): Propaganda Minister, architect of Kristallnacht, directed book burnings. Died May 1, 1945 outside the bunker in an unconfirmed manner.



Albert Speer (played by Heino Ferch): Hitler's architect, also Minister of Armaments and War Production. Known as "the Nazi who said sorry." At Nuremberg, sentenced to 20 years at Spandau. Released 1966, published two autobiographies. Died 1981 in London.



Wilhelm Mohnke (played by André Hennicke): High-ranking General in the SS. Spent 10 years in Soviet captivity, until October 1955. Died in August 2001.



Heinrich Himmler (played by Ulrich Noethen): Second most powerful in Third Reich. Head of the SS, known as Reichsführer SS. Also Chief of German Police and Minister of the Interior. As head of concentration and extermination camps and head of the Einsatzgruppen, oversaw the execution of Final Solution. In April 1945 attempted peace with Allies. Arrested in May 1945 by British forces but committed suicide before Nuremberg Trial.



Ernst-Günther Schenck (played by Christian Berkel): Medical doctor, SS member, and colonel. Tested remedies on concentration camp inmates, some of whom died. In 1960s was barred from practice. Died 1998.