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Electronic copy of actor’s packet:
Spring_Awakening_packet.docx

Wedekind’s Frühlings Erwachen
The complete text of Wedekind’s original play, courtesy of Project Gutenberg.
http://www.gutenberg.org/files/35242/35242-h/35242-h.htm

NY Times article: “How Sex Killed Frank Wedekind”
Frank Wedekind kept a diary that his younger daughter much later released for publication, entitled “Diary of an Erotic Life.” This article gives the highlights, and the full diary is available to borrow from the dramaturg.

Virgil’s Aeneid
http://www.princeton.edu/~clip/virgil.shtml - translation and audio pronunciation guide

Education in Germany at the fin de siècle
These three articles describe an educational system in a state of change at the end of the 19th century.

Education and Society in Modern Germany links objections to the intentionally rigid and oppressive nature of German classical education to the rise of German Nationalism.

Equal Educational Opportunity for Women? examines the disparity between boys and girls education and efforts to improve girl’s access to classical education.

Overburdening German Youth places schoolboy suicides in the context of rising German fear of degeneration and decline of morality and physical prowess due to a rigid school system that valued hard work over actual learning.

Article: “The Men’s Christian Morality Movement in Germany, 1880-1914”
“What is perhaps most striking about the morality movement in Germany, however, is the direct connection that the morality campaigners drew between this perceived threat to sexual morality and sexual order, on the one hand, and mounting threats to the established political order on the other. In their great majority, they were convinced that the decline of standards of public decency was undermining the state and paving the way for bloody revolution and class tyranny. …Their understanding of the threat posed by cultural change – including changing standards of decency and sexual morality – to the political order with which they identified was fundamentally accurate….

“Given the centrality of the ideas of authority and obedience to this moral system, obviously, the fear of rebellion was a central theme in the thinking of the morality campaigners. Specifically, they feared that the collapse of sexual self-restraint would lead to the social and political rebellion of the lower classes, to a socialist revolution. In their minds, socialism and immorality were inseparably associated with each other.” Morality Movement in Germany 1.pdf

Puberty, Sexuality, and the Self: Girls and Boys At Adolescence
Published in 1996, this study is a bit dated; it does not discuss the current complications of teenage relationships/communication in the digital age. However, it presents candid interviews with 55 teenagers about their sense of self in relation to their changing bodies, covering voice change, breast development, shaving, expectations of sex, the decision to have sex, the experience of sex, and how girls and boys manage their emotions and selves throughout all of these new experiences. “Dramaturg’s note: I’ve scanned a pretty large section of this book, so you might want to flip through for the sections that assist your character analysis the most. I recommend in particular chapter 4: “I couldn’t ever picture myself having sex.” Puberty_Sexuality_Self 2.pdf