

### ***Regional Geography***

#### **Project Overview:**

##### ***Is there one true Germany? Or is it many parts that make a whole?***

For this collaborative project, you and group of your classmates will work together to study different areas of Germany (North, South, East, and West). You will individually research an area and then share the information with your group so you can compare the different regions of Germany. At the end of the project, you will work together to create one picture essay that compares and contrasts the different study areas. While researching, you should try to find out:

- What major German cities are located in the area?
- What is there to do and see in the area of study?
- What are the local history, culture, and dialect for the area?
- Are there any regional foods or recipes that the area is known for?
- Are there any famous people that come from the area?
- Other interesting facts that you and your group decide to focus on.

#### **Group Formation:**

Your teacher will put you in a group with 2-3 of your classmates. Ideally, your group should be comprised of students who do not attend your school. Your teacher will also set up a discussion thread under the topic **Das Projekt Group Work** for you and your group to use for all group discussions.

#### **Project Grades:**

There are six graded items for this project:

1. *Group Discussion Participation – 15 points*  
All project steps have specific items that you must discuss with your group. Your teacher will monitor your group participation within the discussions and give you an overall participation grade.
2. *Notes and Outline – 20 points*  
Individually complete notes and an outline about your chosen area.
3. *Rough Draft of Essay – 10 points*  
Write a (minimum) 200-word essay about your chosen area (addressing the research items listed above).
4. *Final Draft of Essay – 20 points*  
Using the comments from your peer critique and your teacher, refine your essay and complete a final version of the (minimum) 200-word essay.
5. *Picture Essay – 20 points*  
Submit 6 photos (with captions) to a group PowerPoint presentation that displays the different regions in Germany.
6. *Compare and Contrast – 15 points*  
Individually complete project questions that address what you have learned from the project and how the different regions are similar and different to one another.

**Research Reminder:**

All ACCESS courses use MLA (Modern Language Association) format to cite sources. Be sure to use correct citation throughout your research essay as well as your PowerPoint presentation slides. Read [MLA Citations - Instructions](#) for more information.

**Project Steps by Lesson:**

Detailed directions are provided within the lessons, but it is always a good idea to read through the steps before beginning a project! Take the time now to read through each step of the project. Be sure to check with your teacher for specific due dates and don't forget to communicate with your group on your group discussion thread.

*Lesson 8.01*

For the first part of the project, your teacher will put you in a group and create a discussion thread for your group to use under **Das Projekt Group Work Discussion**.

**Step One:** Go to **Das Projekt Group Work Discussion** and locate your group's discussion thread.

**Step Two:** Next, introduce yourself to your group and decide who will research each region (North, South, East, and West). If your group only has three people, then it is okay if one area is not covered.

**Step Three:** Begin locating online sources about each area. Post any links you find that might help your research or your group's research.

*Lesson 8.03*

Complete **8.03 Notes and Outline – Notizen und der Textentwurf**.

Using the sources that you and your group members found, individually compile detailed notes and create an outline for your research essay. Submit the completed work to **8.03 Notizen und der Textentwurf**.

*Lesson 8.07*

**Step One:** Using your notes and outline from Lesson 8.03, compose a rough draft (**der Rohentwurf**) of your research essay. Your rough draft should:

- Be typed in a Word document.
- Include a heading in the top-left corner with your name, the date, your school, and your facilitator.
- Include the following information:
  - What region of Germany did you focus on?
  - What major German cities are located in the area?
  - What is there to do and see in the area?
  - What are the local history, culture, and dialect for the area?
  - Are there any regional foods or recipes that the area is known for?
  - Are there any famous people that come from the area?
  - Any other interesting facts that you found about the area.

**Step Two:** Submit the rough draft of your essay to **8.07 Der Rohentwurf Dropbox**.

**Step Three:** Post your rough draft to your group's discussion thread on **Das Projekt Group Work Discussion**.

**Step Four:** Read your group members' essays and complete a peer review for one essay. Post your review when complete and be sure to let your group member know so they can look at your comments. Remember to be kind, helpful, and specific when making your comments.

#### *Lesson 8.08*

Make edits to your research essay by incorporating comments from your group members and your teacher. Highlight all major changes that you make to your essay. Submit your essay to **8.08 Der Endgültigerentwurf Dropbox**.

#### *Lesson 8.10*

Follow the steps below to create a group PowerPoint presentation about the different regions in Germany.

1. Go to **Das Projekt Group Work Discussion** and decide who in your group will be in charge of compiling the final group presentation. Remember that everyone has to individually complete some of the slides, but one person needs to be in charge of putting it together.
2. Find six images that represent the information you included in your research essay. Write a 3-4 sentence caption for each image that explains what the image is and how it represents your area of study.
3. Compile your images and captions in a Word document or a PowerPoint presentation and post it to your group discussion.
4. One person in your group will compile the work and then post your group's final presentation to **8.10 Der Bildaufsatz Discussion**.

#### *Lesson 8.12*

Spend some time reviewing your group's final presentation as well as the other groups' work.

Then, complete **8.12 Compare and Contrast Dropbox**.