

- ✓ Germany is a prime mover in European integration.
- ✓ Germany is geographically located in the center of Europe with political, economic, and social windows that open East and West.
- ✓ Germany is an industrial giant in Europe and one of the three leading exporting nations in the world.
- ✓ Germany can be studied as a model of post World War II reconstruction and a microcosm of “cold war” conflict.
- ✓ Germany serves as a model for emerging nations and for Europe.
- ✓ Germany has provided a legacy of literary and political thought that has impacted the evolution of Western Civilization.
- ✓ Germany is the ancestral home to millions of immigrants to the United States.
- ✓ Germany, for many years a “non-immigration” country, now must learn to deal with increasing problems with foreign minorities.
- ✓ Germany and the United States have common problems; a comparative analysis can help both nations find appropriate solutions.
- ✓ Germany offers a case study in contrast and contradiction – it has freely offered the world its people and its artistic and scientific genius; it has also been at the source of devastating war and unparalleled genocide.