### **Topic 3**

### Economic Issues Affect Cooperation between Germany, the European Union, and Other Nations

### Lesson 1

# Focus Question One

## Step #3: Extending and Refining Information

### **Strategy: Using Complex Sources**

How might the use of the Euro by members of the European Union impact trade with the United States?

#### **Activities**

Model how to use a more complex source of information by following these steps:

- Develop a working knowledge of the vocabulary.
- Break the reading into smaller parts.
- ▶ Relate it to prior knowledge review what students already know about the Euro.

Have students read **Handout #18:** Topic 3, Lesson 1 (Euro-Dollar rate: Abstract of ECB Press Conference) and use it as an example to walk students through this process.

Review the following steps with students to summarize the passage

- 1. Defining Vocabulary:
- ▶ Review vocabulary from previous activities.
- ▶ Define "exchange rate" in addition to new vocabulary found in the selection.
- Use the vocabulary in context.
- 2. Breaking the Passage into Smaller Parts:
- ▶ Read the selection in segments checking for understanding as you go along.
- Select phrases from the reading that relate to the question How might the use of the Euro by members of the European Union impact trade with the United States?
- 3. Relating the Passage to Prior Knowledge: Read the passage again as a class using the "new" vocabulary and a sounder understanding of the phrases to improve comprehension of the total passage.

Students should add to the Word Wall as they learn more.

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