

Lesson 2**Focus Question #2****Why is the geography of Germany important to its economy?**

- What are the regions, resources, and industries of Germany?
- How might physical features and location of resources affect population distribution?
- How is the economy of Germany interdependent with the economies of the United States and the European Union?

Background Information

Germany is a nation located in the geographical center of Europe with doors that open both east and west. Germany shares a border with more nations than any other nation in Europe. The physical location of a nation within a region can have significant political, economic, and social/cultural implications. The landscape of a nation includes its physical features, natural resources and population distribution. The physical features and natural resources of Germany have contributed greatly to its industrial development and population increases.

Essential Content ✂

Note: The following words/concepts are essential to an understanding of this lesson. Put the words on your Word Wall and use them in context as you teach the lesson.

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| ✂ Regions | ✂ Physical Features |
| ✂ Natural Resources | ✂ Mineral Resources |
| ✂ Landforms | ✂ Land Use |
| ✂ Exports/Imports | ✂ Urbanization |
| ✂ Population Density | ✂ Population Distribution |
| ✂ Industry | ✂ Industrial Areas |
| ✂ Trade | |