

Topic 4 Political Symbols of Germany

Lesson 5 What is the structure and organization of the federal administration in Germany?

Lesson Objective

The student will identify similarities and differences in the organization of German Länder and US governments.

Materials and Resources

- Transparency 26 “The Structure of the Federal Administration”
- Teacher Resource 9 “The Structure of the Federal Administration”

Strategies

Explain the organization of state governments in Germany to students using **Transparency 26** and **Teacher Resource 9**. Ask students to contact the Secretary of State to obtain an organizational chart of their own state’s government. Then, have students compare each of the following in terms of powers, selection and organization:

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| <i>United States</i> | <i>Germany</i> |
| Governor | Minister President |
| Constitutional Officers | Ministers |
| County | Kreis |

Based on the information available, ask students to discuss which state organization they consider to be more responsive to individual constituent needs.