

Lesson 1

Focus Question One

Step #2: Extending and Refining Information

Strategy: Discussion Cards and Graphic Organizer

Class discussions are important in engaging student involvement. Many formats are possible, but the overall goal is the engagement of all students. Providing roles during partner or group discussions is helpful for many students when analyzing text because it makes everyone accountable for a certain task.

Activities



Provide students with **Handout #9** (Timeline of Modern German History), **Transparency #14** (Division to Unification) and **Transparency #15** (German Unity).



Form students into groups of three and assign the following roles for reviewing **Handout #9** (Timeline of Modern German History): *Main Idea Developer*, *Key Word Finder*, and *Question Developer*. Students might use a **graphic organizer** such as the one below to clarify thinking:

	CAUSE	EFFECT
	What events led to the unification of Germany in 1990?	Why was Germany unified after years divided?
Main Idea Developer		
Key Word Finder		
Question Developer		