

Lesson 2

Focus Question Two

Step #2: Extending and Refining Information

Strategy: Compare and Contrast

Activities

Have the students continue to work in their groups. Use the following chart to help the students review the political institutions of the United States Government.

Political Institutions of the U. S. Government

	House of Representatives	Senate	Executive Branch	President
Main Function				
How Elected/ Appointed				
Relationship to the Other Institutions				

Use the computer lab or the class textbook to have the students review the information about the workings of the U.S. government. Have them record this information on the chart.



Have the students refer back to **Teacher Resource #9** (The Most Important German Political Institutions). Have them refer to the information on their charts about the United States political institutions and then have them use a highlighter to show the similarities and differences between the institutions of the two countries.

Have the students use a Venn Diagram or a graphic organizer of your choice to actually show the similarities and differences between the political institutions in the United States and those in Germany.

Venn Diagram:

Similarities and Differences in Political Institutions in the United States and Germany

