

European Geography & Cultures Class

Second – Fourth Grade

Germany

See related blog post on <http://CottonRidgeHomeschool.com> for free PDF Files and images. The blog post also has links to Map Folder, Stamp Album, and Card File instructions.

A. Introduction to Germany

Bring a mini Schultuete for each student if not brought the first week of coop. See <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/germany>.

1. Read

- Galloping the Globe p 91
- Children Just Like Me p 34
- A to Z Germany (The images in the PDF file provided in the related blog post and my sample cards are based on this book.)

2. Map Folders and Stamp Albums

- Pass out Folders and Stamp Albums.
- Pass out postage stamps from Germany and stamp hinges.

B. Physical Geography of Germany

1. Where on Earth?

- **Find** the continent of Europe and the country of Germany on a globe. Have students color Germany on the map on their folder.
- **Find** Europe and Germany in the Atlas: start on page 76 of Where on Earth? Atlas, then find the country on page 78. Move on to page 80 to view the landscape, and to page 94 to see it by night.

2. Climate, Population and Wildlife

- **Review** Europe's overall climate on page 90 of Where on Earth? Atlas. Germany's climate is moderate: see <https://www.weatheronline.co.uk/reports/climate/Germany.htm>.
- To see pictures of some of the animals living in Germany **visit** <http://www.living-in-germany.net/must-knows/wildlife-in-germany-2>.
- **Read** page 56 – 57 of the DK Children's Atlas. **Find out** about German **agricultural** products, major **landforms**, and **water** bodies.

3. Card File – Follow General Card File Instructions

- **Listen** to *Around the World Stories* from Germany while working (subscription required: <https://www.aroundtheworldstories.com>).
- **Flag** and **Map** Country Cover Card PDF File
- Country **Information** Card PDF File
- **Category** Cards- plain index cards or pre-printed PDF File (you may want to provide samples for students to copy)
- **Images** PDF File for Category Cards

C. People

Choose the activities that interest you the most. Add to your Card File as you learn new things and complete activities. Listen to related music and/or stories while doing projects if possible.

1. Artists

✦ Hans Holbein the Younger (1533) ✦ Caspar David Friedrich (1817) ✦ Max Liebermann (1901)
✦ Paul Klee

- **Look** at art by Caspar David Friedrich https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caspar_David_Friedrich on the iPad or in a library book.
- **Paint** a picture inspired by *Wanderer above the Sea of Fog*.
- **Make** art in the style of Paul Klee: <http://www.classic-play.com/art-school-paul-klee/>

2. Authors & Poets

✦ The Brothers Grimm ✦ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe ✦ Heinrich Heine ✦ Hermann Hesse

- **Read** or listen to a Brothers Grimm or another German story (list on page 92 of Galloping the Globe).
- **Watch** a movie based on a Brothers Grimm story.
- **Make** a fairy tale craft.

3. Composers

✦ Bach ✦ Beethoven ✦ Mendelssohn ✦ Schumann ✦ Wagner ✦ Brahms

- **Listen** to the *Story of* [one of the composers above] *in Words and Music* (VOX Music Masters CD)

4. Ministers, Missionaries and Caregivers

✦ George Müller

- **Read** or listen to a story about George Müller. (Also listed in the United Kingdom lesson plan.)

5. Prominent People

✦ Johannes Gutenberg ✦ Anne Frank ✦ Henry Kissinger ✦ Alexandra Feodorovna

- **Read** or listen to an age-appropriate story about Anne Frank.
- **Read** or listen to a story about Johannes Gutenberg.

6. Scientists

✦ Alois Alzheimer ✦ Werner von Braun ✦ Albert Einstein ✦ Gottlieb Daimler
✦ Cornelia Lüdecke

- **Read** or listen to a story about a German scientist.
- **Do** a related experiment.

D. Landmarks, Events & Food

1. Landmarks & Attractions

<http://traveluto.com/most-famous-landmarks-in-germany>, <http://www.planetware.com/tourist-attractions/germany-d.htm>

✦ Charlottenburg Palace ✦ Aachen Cathedral ✦ Neuschwanstein Castle ✦ Reichstag
✦ Brandenburg Gate ✦ Monument to the Battle of the Nations ✦ Sanssouci Palace
✦ The Black Forest ✦ Miniatur Wunderland

- **Make** a castle: <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/germany/> or <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/united-kingdom/>
- **Take a virtual tour** of Miniatur Wunderland: <https://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/>

2. Events & Festivals

✦ Nuremberg Christmas Market

- **Make** Christmas ornaments or gifts.

3. Food

- **Read** Eat Your Way Around the World, page 43 - 45.
- **Make** Pretzels, Bratwurst and Sauerkraut, and Apple Strudel.

Find more ideas on my Germany Pinterest Board:

<https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/germany>

Checklist for Basic Materials:

- Schultuete Gift Cone for each student (optional)
- Globe
- Gallop the Globe
- Where On Earth? Atlas
- DK Children's World Atlas
- Children Just Like Me
- A to Z Germany (or similar book)
- Map Folders, Stamp Albums, Stamps & Hinges
- Card File materials including printed PDF files (see general instructions)
- Music and/or Story CDs
- Stories from Germany by <https://www.aroundtheworldstories.com>
- iPad or Computer with internet connection for research (optional)

Checklist for Projects:

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Checklist for International Food Dishes:

- Eat Your Way Around the World cookbook *or* Recipes
- Recipe ingredients: _____
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