



Name _____

German Trade Crossroads

Directions: Read the short explanation about Germany's transportation role. Then complete the analysis tasks in full sentences.

Germany As A Transportation Hub

Germany sits at the center of Europe, which makes it a natural meeting point for travel and trade. The country has a dense network of **highways**, **rail lines**, and **rivers** that connect factories, cities, and ports across the continent. Major airports such as Frankfurt serve millions of passengers and link Europe to regions around the world. Germany's strong economy depends on moving goods quickly, so the country invests in modern transportation systems that help products reach other European countries with ease. Because of its location and infrastructure, Germany plays a key role in connecting people and goods across Europe.

1. Explain how Germany's location in Europe helps it become a major transportation center.
2. Describe how one type of transportation mentioned in the reading supports trade within Europe.
3. Why might businesses in Germany benefit from having strong transportation systems?
4. Choose one transportation feature from the reading and explain how it connects Germany to other countries.
5. Based on the passage, what is one reason Germany influences trade beyond its own borders?