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## Euro Border Insights Answer Key

(Answers will vary. Sample acceptable responses below.)

1. Germany and France both have strong economies with major manufacturing centers.
2. Germany has more large industrial regions, while Switzerland is known for mountains and banking.
3. Germany and Poland are linked through rail lines and highways that support trade across eastern and central Europe.
4. Germany has the North German Plain, while Austria has the Alps covering much of its territory.
5. Cooperation is important because shared borders and transportation routes support trade and economic stability.

### Teacher's Guide

#### Purpose

- Help grades 7 through 10 compare Germany with a neighboring country.
- Build analytical thinking using geographic, cultural, and economic evidence.
- Strengthen written explanations supported by facts.

#### Instructional Tips

- Encourage students to choose the neighboring country they know the most about.
- Remind students to use the same comparison category in both similarity and difference.
- Model how to structure a compare and contrast sentence.

#### Differentiation

- Provide a short fact sheet on each neighboring country for students who need extra support.
- Allow paired work to discuss ideas before writing.