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Germany State Study Answer Key

(Sample acceptable responses below. Answers may vary.)

1. Examples include Bavaria, Saxony, Brandenburg, Hesse, Lower Saxony, Hamburg, Berlin, Bremen, Rhineland Palatinate, Baden Württemberg, Mecklenburg Western Pomerania, Saarland, Saxony Anhalt, Schleswig Holstein, Thuringia, and North Rhine Westphalia.
2. Bavaria contains part of the Alps, which gives it high elevations and mountain landscapes.
3. Hamburg is known for its major port, which makes it an important center for trade.
4. Baden Württemberg has forests and hills, while Mecklenburg Western Pomerania has flat coastlines along the Baltic Sea.
5. Federal states help manage local government, preserve regional traditions, and allow different areas to address their own economic and cultural needs.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose

- Support grades 9 through 12 in studying Germany's political geography and federal system.
- Strengthen analytical thinking by comparing states and identifying geographic and cultural features.
- Build understanding of how federal states contribute to political structure and identity.

Differentiation

- Allow paired or small group brainstorming before students write individually.
- Challenge advanced learners to compare three states instead of two.