

Germany's EU Influence Answer Key

(Sample acceptable response below. Answers will vary.)

Germany's influence in the European Union is strengthened by its central location in Europe, which allows it to connect easily with many neighboring countries. Its strong economy, which includes major industries such as automobiles, engineering, and renewable energy, helps shape EU trade and economic policies. Germany's extensive transportation networks, including major highways, rail lines, and airports, support the movement of goods and people across the continent. These geographic advantages, combined with Germany's political leadership in EU decision making, give the country an important role in guiding cooperation and stability within the region.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose

- Support grades 9 through 12 in explaining Germany's role in the European Union using geographic reasoning.
- Strengthen essay writing skills focused on evidence and explanation.
- Connect Germany's physical and human geography to its political influence.

Instructional Tips

- Model how to structure a short essay with a clear topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding idea.
- Encourage students to highlight or underline pieces of geographic evidence they plan to use.
- Remind students to connect each point back to Germany's influence in the EU.

Differentiation

- Allow oral planning before students begin writing.
- Challenge advanced learners to include a brief discussion of Germany's role in EU environmental or security policies.