Germany

Digital Resources & Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly Videos:

Traditional German Dance (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3yJfkgjG1Y
Mealtimes and Foods (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJAYK6Mcxvg
Who Was Beethoven? (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fazaTInlfkg
How to make a cuckoo clock (5th-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GAmegD5MIQ
10 Facts about Germany (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEYvi4kl-f4
Geography of Germany (5th-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p40m8L8BxSk
The Berlin Wall (6th-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7YE-N448fq
Tour of Dresden (5th-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yht54JHgdeE
A Walk around Munich (5th-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHFtiw5D7JM
German Christmas Traditions (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyQrQr3dId4
Maypole Dance in Germany (K-12th):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlbJ3HA9lgq&spfreload=1
Websites:

NatGeo for Kids (K-5th):
http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/germany/#germany-munich-city-scene.jpg


Science for Kids (2nd-6th):
http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/germany.html

Facts and Activities (K-8th): http://www.atozkidsstuff.com/germany.html

Crafts (K-8th): http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/germany/

Grimm’s Fairy Tales (6th-12th):
http://www.familymanagement.com/literacy/grimms/grimms-toct.html

Culture of Bavaria (3rd-12th): http://www.bavaria.by/historical-festivals-events-bavaria

Rough Guide’s Travel Germany (6th-12th):
http://www.roughguides.com/destinations/europe/germany/the-black-forest/

Lesson Plans:

Great Lesson Plans offered by the Goethe Institute (K-12th):
http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/lp/prj/top/mat/tfl/enindex.htm

German Culture Icons (K-8th): http://countries.mrdonn.org/germany.html


Worksheets for German Vocabulary (K-12th):
http://www.pimsleurapproach.com/resources/german/lesson-plans/

Grimm’s Fairy Tales Lesson Plan (6th-12th):
| Title: Teach Me… Learning Songs and Traditions German and English*  
Author: Linda Rauenhorst  
Grade: PreK-6th  
Publisher: Teach Me Tapes Inc.  
ISBN: 1599720639  
Summary: Book & CD. Share the music, culture and holiday traditions of Germany. Sing along and learn the German language while you experience the customs of Christmas celebrated in Germany. Includes 15 songs to sing along and enjoy. |
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| Title: Germany ABCs: A book about the People and Places of Germany  
Author: Sarah Heiman & Jason Millet  
Grade: K-3rd  
Publisher: Picture Window Books  
ISBN: 1404800204  
Summary: An alphabetical exploration of the people, geography, animals, plants, history, and culture of Germany. |
| Title: Look What Came From Germany  
Author: Kevin Davis & Franklin Watts  
Grade: K-3rd  
Publisher: Masthof  
ISBN: 0531164357  
Summary: Explores in a very simple fashion, the foods, words, inventions, toys, games and sports, religions, music, and crafts that a specific country has contributed to the world. |
| Title: Hansel and Gretel: Tales and Stories for Children  
Author: Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm & Jesus Lopez Pastor  
Grade: 3rd-5th  
Publisher: Primento  
ISBN: 9782511030301  
Summary: Once upon a time was a poor lumberjack who had two children, Hansel and Gretel. Unfortunately, he was no longer able to provide for his family and his second wife, who hated the children, said they had to abandon them. After two unsuccessful attempts, the parents finally managed to get rid of the children, who had to survive on their own. They looked for help and found a strange house, very interesting but also very dangerous... |
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Title: The Other Side of the Wall  
Author: Simon Schwartz  
Grade: 7th-12th  
Publisher: Graphic Universe  
ISBN: 9781467760287  
Summary: Simon Schwartz was born in 1982 in East Germany, at a time when the repressive Socialist Unity Party of Germany controlled the area. Shortly before Simon's birth, his parents decided to leave their home in search of greater freedoms on the other side of the Berlin Wall. But East German authorities did not allow the Schwartzes to leave for almost three years. In the meantime, Simon's parents struggled with the costs of their decision: the loss of work, the attention of the East German secret police, and the fragmentation of their family.  
In his debut graphic novel, Simon Schwartz tells the true story of his parents' coming of age in East Germany, their rejection of the communist way of life, and the challenges of leaving that world behind.

Title: The Song of the Nibelungs: The Nibelungenlied  
Author: Germanic Saga  
Grade: 9th-12th  
Publisher: Lulu Press, Inc.  
ISBN 13: 9781105996665  
Summary: The Nibelungenlied, translated as The Song of the Nibelungs, is an epic poem in Middle High German. The story tells of dragon-slayer Siegfried at the court of the Burgundians, how he was murdered, and of his wife Kriemhild's revenge. In 2009, the three main manuscripts of the Nibelungenlied were inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register in recognition of their historical significance.