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 **Writing Prompt #2**

The United States of America has been considered to be a “melting pot” of cultures because this country was founded by people who came from other countries, both willingly and unwillingly. Between 1820 and 1914, nearly 6 million people immigrated to the United States from Germany. They brought their language and culture to their new country (the United States). How similar are the two countries? You have heard about life in Germany first hand from the exchange students. You have read about life in Germany from the “Do You Know Germany” pamphlet. Based on these sources, compare and contrast life in Germany with life in America.

Some concepts to consider:

-Schools

-Holidays and Traditions

-Foods

-Sports and hobbies

Read the following sources carefully. Then write an essay in which you compare and contrast life in American with life in Germany. Support your response with textual evidence and inferences drawn from two of the sources.

**Sources:**

Source A: Notes from the presentations and interviews

Source B: “Do You Know Germany” Pamphlet

Source C: Live Science: American Culture: Traditions and Culture in the United States

You will have 20 minutes to read your sources and plan your essay. Then you will have 30 minutes to develop your essay by providing evidence from two of the texts. Do not merely summarize the sources. Be sure to follow the conventions of standard English.

**Rubric: Grading will be based on the 6+1 Writing Traits Rubric. You will be scored on Ideas, Organization and Conventions.**

* **Must have textual support from at least two texts**
* **Organization must support the writer’s task**
* **Must use conventions of standard English**

**Step 1: Planning and Preparation**

Read the articles carefully and complete the organizer below.

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|  | Similarities | Differences |
| Schools |  |  |
| Holidays and Traditions |  |  |
| Foods |  |  |
| Sports and Hobbies |  |  |
| Misc.  |  |  |

**Step 2: Write your essay. Remember, at a minimum your essay should have at least 3 paragraphs: an introduction, a body paragraph and a conclusion.**

**Remember to cite your sources!**

**Provide examples from the sources to support your argument!**

**Rubric: 6+1 Writing Traits**

Ideas: Do you have a strong argument? Have you provided examples from the sources to support your argument? Have you cited your sources?

Organization: Do you have a clear introduction and conclusion? Do you have at least 3 paragraphs?

Conventions: Have you used correct standard English grammar? Correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling, etc.