

PASSPORT EUROPE

GERMANY



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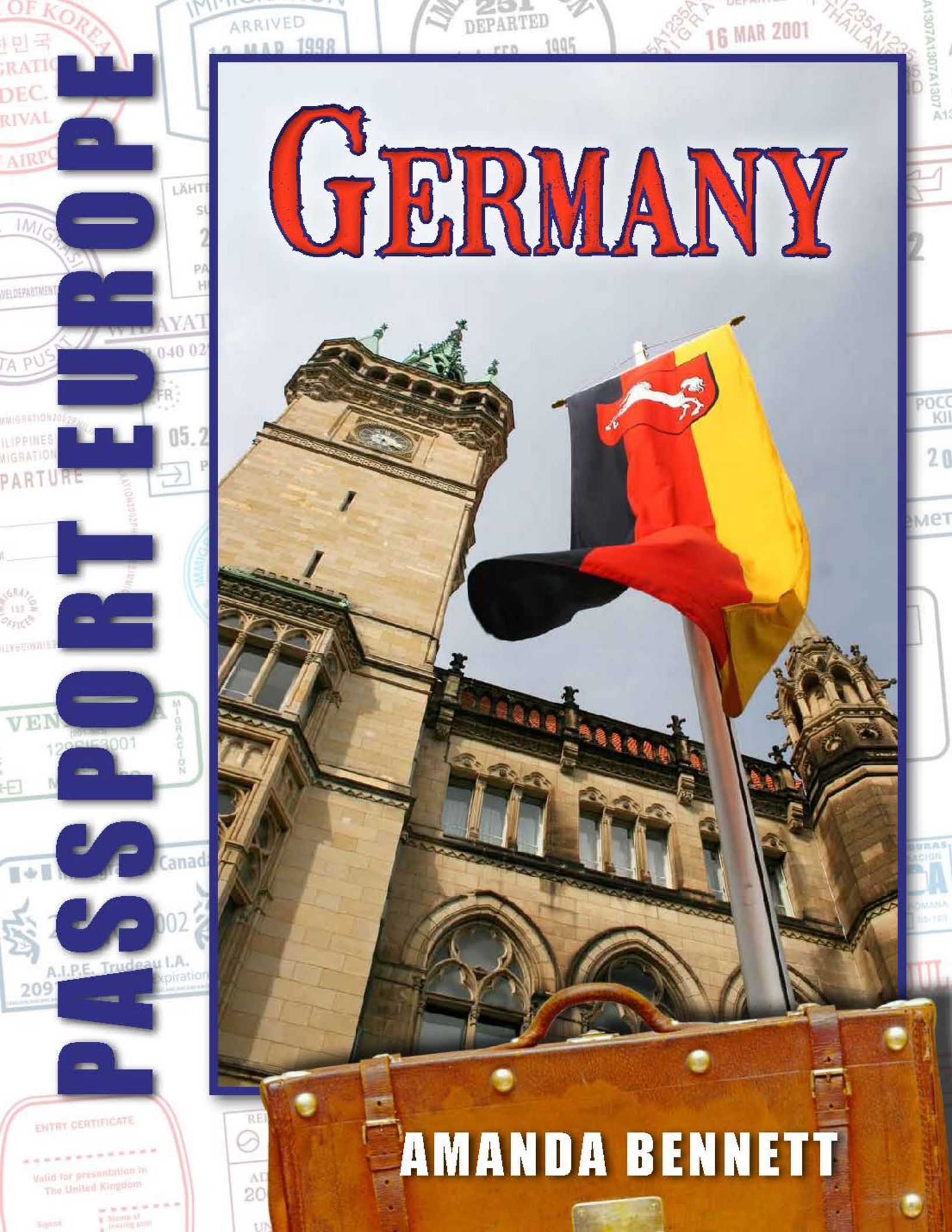




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INTRODUCTION

Pack up and get ready to travel to Germany with Amanda Bennett's new Passport Geography™ series! As part of the series, this one-week unit study has been developed to provide your student with a virtual tour of Germany, covering the geography of this nation, as well as some of its history, art and literature, landmarks, and interesting people.

You are about to begin an adventure to the European country of Germany, taking an online journey to this fascinating part of the world. From Lichtenstein Castle to the sights and sounds of colorful Frankfurt, you will visit historic and unique sites and marvelous places that span the nation that is officially called the Federal Republic of Germany.

Some of the landscapes you will be seeing include:

- Rhine River Valley
- Hartz Mountains
- Black Forest
- Bavarian Alps

As this is written, we are including the best resources available to give you the virtual experience of traveling around [Germany](#). You will see and hear the sights and sounds of cities and villages, people, daily life, tourist spots, and historical places, all from the comfort of home—no passport required! Some of the fun spots you will be visiting include:

- Frankfurt Zoo
- Brandenburg Gate
- Church of St. Michael
- Germany’s Christmas Markets
- Volkswagen Factory

When learning about the geography of a place, it is important to learn about the land, people, and culture, and what it is like to live there. In addition to learning about the countries, you will encounter some of the people and places in Germany. The people are fascinating, and we are including some interesting figures in *Passport: Germany*. They include:

- The Brothers Grimm
- Johannes Brahms
- Johannes Gutenberg
- Martin Luther
- Albert Einstein

With the new Passport series, you will see places that most people never get to visit, becoming familiar with this part of the world and many of the landmarks and landforms that are in Germany. From learning about some of the food they enjoy, such as strudel, sauerkraut, and bratwurst, you will be heading on to castles and cliffs, as well as the Zugspitze and Schloss Charlottenburg. We are beginning a great geographic adventure—glad to have you along!





First Stop: Brandenburg Gate

One of the most famous landmarks in Berlin is Brandenburg Gate, and it has a fascinating history!

Video: [Brandenburg Gate](#)

Video: [Walking through the Brandenburg Gate](#)

Why was the Brandenburg Gate built, and just how tall is it?

[Brandenburg Gate](#)

[Brandenburg Gate](#)

[Brandenburg Gate](#)

[Brandenburg Panoramic View](#)

In your own words, describe the history of the Brandenburg Gate.



Second Stop: Unter den Linden

From Brandenburg Gate, stroll down a famous avenue lined with cafes, shops, and museums. Unter den Linden is a favorite of many visitors to Berlin. *Take a few minutes to tour it online:*

Video: [Around Unter den Linden](#) (video ends at 4:17)

Video: [Unter den Linden Tour](#)

Video: [Around Unter den Linden](#)

[How to Say It](#)

What is the meaning of Unter den Linden, and what's the story behind the name?

[Unter den Linden](#)



Did you know? Bebelplatz is a beautiful public square located on Unter den Linden. *Watch the video and take a look around:*

Video: [Bebelplatz](#)

[How to Say It](#)

[Bebelplatz](#)

[Bebelplatz Interactive Panorama](#)



According to Merriam-Webster, *culture* can be described as:

“the characteristic features of everyday life shared by people in a particular place or time.”

During each day of your virtual tour of Germany, you will be learning about the food, arts, and way of life there.

TRY OUT THE LOCAL FOOD!

Have you ever tasted **strudel**? It is delicious and very popular around the world. What exactly is strudel?

Strudel

Say It: Strudel

Here are some strudel recipes. Remember, strudel can have either sweet or savory fillings. Apple strudel (or *Apfelstrudel* in German) is a favorite! Go ahead—give one a try!

Video: [Quick and Easy Strudel Recipe](#)

[Strudel Recipe with Variations](#)
[German Apple Strudel](#)





Martin Luther

There are plenty of very important people (VIPs) in Germany, and today you are going to learn about Martin Luther.

When and where did he live?

[Martin Luther](#)

Martin Luther is known as the Father of the Reformation. Why is he given that recognition?

[Martin Luther](#)

[Martin Luther Biography](#)

[Martin Luther](#)

Why did Martin Luther take the actions he did?
Did he intend to start a new church?

[Martin Luther](#)

Take a minute now and try to imagine that your Bible was only available in Latin, instead of English. Could you read and understand it? Most of us could not, and we would be living in a world where only those that know Latin could tell us, in their own words, the meaning of each phrase in the Bible. Not only that, but you could only hear these spoken interpretations at church. You couldn't read it for yourself.





After Germany lost World War II, what happened in that country?

[Aftermath of World War II](#)
[Germany After World War II](#)
[Postwar Germany](#)

What was the purpose of the Berlin Wall? When did it fall? *Visit these links to learn more about the Berlin Wall, take a virtual trip to the Berlin Wall memorial, and then tell the story of the Berlin Wall coming down in your own words.*

[About Berlin Wall](#)
[Berlin Wall](#)
[Berlin Wall](#)

Video: [Berlin Wall Is Built](#)
Video: [Demolition of the Berlin Wall](#)
Video: [Berlin Wall Memorial](#)

Which president of the United States delivered one of the most memorable speeches at the Berlin Wall in front of the Brandenburg Gate?

[President of the United States of America](#)

Video: [Memorable Speech](#)

Let's take a few minutes now to look more closely at the government of Germany.

What type of government exists in Germany?

[Germany](#) (scroll down to "Government")



Earlier today we visited some of the largest cuckoo clocks in the world. Have you ever wondered about how a clock works? Let's learn a little about this as we continue our adventure in Germany today!

Video: [How Cuckoo Clocks Are Made](#)

Video: [How Clocks Work](#)

In your own words, describe the main parts of a clock and how they work.

[Pendulum](#)

[How a Pendulum Works](#)

[Gear](#)

Video: [How Do Clock Gears Work?](#)

[Escapement](#)

Where does the energy come from that keeps a cuckoo clock running?

[How German Cuckoo Clocks Work](#)

Video: [How Does It Work?](#)

What makes the *cuckoo* sound?

[Sound](#)

Take some time today to try these fun science activities so that you can see how a pendulum and gears work:

[Pendulum Experiment](#)

[Make a Pendulum](#)

[Learn about Gears](#)

