German-American Day Trivia Contest

Homeroom (optional activity)

Over the centuries, German immigrants have contributed much to the U.S. culture. As a way to celebrate these contributions, President Reagan first declared October 6 as German-American Day in 1987.

More than 2000 German, Swiss, and Austrian companies currently do business in the United States. We hope you enjoy seeing how many familiar products are produced by some of these companies.

If you wish to participate in this trivia contest, please fill out this sheet in your homeroom on Tuesday or Wednesday (Oct. 10 or 11). Please put them in my mailbox by 3:30 Wednesday afternoon.

One homeroom will receive treats on a day of their choice. If more than one homeroom has all of the correct answers, one paper will be drawn from those with 100%.

Danke!

Teacher’s name

\_\_\_\_\_ Lindt a. shoes

\_\_\_\_\_ Birkenstock b. mobile phone service

\_\_\_\_\_ Nivea c. sport shoes

\_\_\_\_\_ Bayer d. dictionaries, resource books

\_\_\_\_\_ T-Mobile e. lotion, personal care products

\_\_\_\_\_ BASF f. chocolate, hot chocolate

\_\_\_\_\_ Haribo g. chocolate

\_\_\_\_\_ BMW h. cars

\_\_\_\_\_ Adidas i. gummi bears

\_\_\_\_\_ Nestle j. airline service

\_\_\_\_\_ Lufthansa k. aspirin, Aleve

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German Week at School Name

Homeroom Quiz **(optional activity)**

Many German immigrants came to Nebraska in the nineteenth century. By 1900 over 54% of the people living in Nebraska had German heritage.

In honor of the contributions Germans made to the American culture, German Week is being celebrated throughout the United States this week. October 6 was first declared German-American Day by President Reagan in 1987.

We invite your homeroom to complete the quiz below. One of the homerooms with all correct answers will be drawn to receive treats. **Please return the completed quiz to Teacher’s Name by Friday afternoon.**

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Many German words have become part of the English language. Match the German word with the English meaning.

\_\_\_\_Kindergarten a. backpack

\_\_\_\_Torte b. health

\_\_\_\_Bratwurst c. forbidden

\_\_\_\_wunderbar d. spirit of the house

\_\_\_\_kaputt e. first year of school

\_\_\_\_verboten f. fear, anxiety

\_\_\_\_Poltergeist g. chimes

\_\_\_\_Rucksack h. broken

\_\_\_\_Wunderkind i. type of sausage

\_\_\_\_Gesundheit j. cake

\_\_\_\_Glockenspiel k. child prodigy

\_\_\_\_Angst l. wonderful

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**Help us celebrate German Week at School Name!**

October 6 was first declared German-American Day by President Reagan in 1987 as a way to honor the contributions German immigrants have made to the American culture over 300 years. How many of the following questions can your Homeroom answer?

1. When do you say “Gesundheit”?

a. to wish someone Happy Birthday c. to wish some Good Luck

b. if someone sneezes d. to say good-bye

1. Which Austrian-born person served as governor of California?

a. Johann Strauss c. Sigmund Freud

b. Arnold Schwarzenegger d. Franz Kafka

1. Which German-American scientist provided leadership for the American space

program and moon landings?

a. John Sutter b. Werner von Braun c. Albert Einstein d. Levi Strauss

1. Which German composer wrote a familiar lullaby?

a. Beethoven b. Strauss c. Brahms d. Schumann

1. What type of school was first founded by a German immigrant in the U.S. in 1856?

a. high school b. kindergarten c. preschool d. middle school

1. What German-born person was U.S. Secretary of State in 1973?

a. Henry Kissinger b. Johann S. Bach c. Karl Marx d. Martin Luther

1. What is the name of a piano company started by a German in the U.S. in 1853?

a. Yamaha b. Glockenspiel c. Wurlitzer d. Steinway

1. Who patented “blue jeans” in 1873?

a. Rudolf Diesel b. Henry Heinz c. Levi Strauss d. Henry David Lee

1. Which actress has a German mother and spent 12 years of her childhood in Germany?

a. Sandra Bullock b. Julia Roberts c. Anne Hathaway d. Jessica Alba

1. When did the first Germans arrive in the U.S. to found Germantown, Pennsylvania?

a. 1492 b. 1683 c. 1776 d. 1989

One Homeroom with all correct answers will receive a treat on the day of their choice. This is an optional activity for your Homeroom.

Please return this form to Teacher’s name by day and time.

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(Homeroom Teacher Name) (Room)

**Help us celebrate German Week at School Name!**

October 6 was first declared German-American Day by President Reagan in 1987 as a way to honor the contributions German immigrants have made to the American culture. To help celebrate German American Week at School Name, each homeroom may enter a contest by answering the following questions and returning this form to Teacher’s name mailbox by day and time.

From the homerooms with all correct answers, one will be randomly drawn to receive treats on the day of your choice.

Match the German immigrant to the contribution he or she made to our culture.

\_\_\_\_ Levi Strauss a. fur trader and richest man in America in his day

\_\_\_\_ Albert Einstein b. a Secretary of the Interior in the 1800’s

\_\_\_\_ Henry Kissinger c. rocket scientist who helped make the moon landing possible

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\_\_\_\_ John Peter Zenger f. artist who painted “The Oregon Trail”

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