

GOALS
You will get to know the students in your partner class and learn about the legislature of their country.

LANGUAGE LEARNING GOALS
You can talk about and compare the legislative chambers of Germany and the United States.

TRANSATLANTIC POLITICS

A1 – Exchange

DEMOCRATICALLY SPEAKING

Germany and the United States are both federal democratic republics. Though both have a bicameral parliament or legislature with the power to enact laws (having two branches/chambers), they function differently.



<https://pixabay.com/photos/berlin-eventide-reichstag-fall-2064279/>



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Bundesrat#/media/File:Bundesrat-A.jpg



<https://pixabay.com/photos/us-capitol-building-washington-dc-4077168/>

YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

1

In a small group, research the federal legislative system in your country.

Germany: *Bundestag* and *Bundesrat* or United States: *House of Representatives* and *Senate*

2

Complete the chart below for the members of the two chambers/branches of your country.

House of Representatives		Senate		Bundestag	Bundesrat	Short job description for a member (main functions)
Number of seats	Minimum age	Term length	yrs	Term limitation	No Yes ▶ Terms	

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Meet with a small group from your partner class and complete the charts with information for their legislative system.

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Discuss how the two legislative systems are similar and how they are different.

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STUDENT WORKSHEET – EXCHANGE

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GAVE

GERMAN AMERICAN VIRTUAL EXCHANGE