

HANDOUT 2.8.2 TRADING CARD TEMPLATE

ZEITGEIST: INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN GERMANY THROUGHOUT HISTORY

Your class has been commissioned to create a set of trading cards of influential people in Germany in a major field of endeavor.

Using the provided template, create a trading card for the person you have selected. Each card should include:

- the name of the series: Art, Philosophy, Music, Literature, Science, or Politics
- an image of the individual
- details about the person's life and accomplishments

After you have traded cards and have a set of three different people, you will use those cards to write an essay. Describe how the work of those three influential people in Germany reflected (or did not reflect) their *zeitgeist*, or how the *zeitgeist* of their time influenced their work (or did not). Explain whether you believe these people could have achieved their accomplishment(s) at an earlier time in history or not, and provide a justification for your opinion.

Your essay should consist of an introduction (including a thesis statement), several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. You will be able to use your trading cards as notes for your essay. You should include a bibliography in correct MLA format that lists the sources you used to gather your information.

(For MLA Style: <https://style.mla.org/citing-ephemera/>. Example: German Influencers trading card depicting influential scientist. Science Series. Albert Einstein (1879-1955). *German Culture Class Collection*, XYZ High School, 2019.)

Trading Card Template

Name of Series  Name of the Person (Year of Birth-Year of Death)	Date of Birth: Place(s) of Residence in Germany: Date of Death: Occupation: Accomplishments (at least 3): Major historical events or trends in their lifetime:
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