Topic 4   Political Symbols of Germany

Lesson 2   What are some important monuments and buildings in Berlin?

Lesson Objective   The student will describe Germany in relation to national symbols.

Materials and Resources

■   Teacher Resource 13   "Public Buildings"
■   Transparency 17–17G   "Public Buildings"
■   Handout 17   "Map of Berlin""
■   Handout 18   "Map of Washington, D.C."
■   Worksheet 15   "Locating Public Buildings"

Strategies

The cities of Berlin and Washington contain many monuments, museums, memorials, and public buildings, of which many are unique as monuments to the history and culture in their countries. Others are similar in their purpose and meaning to each nation.

Teacher Resource 13, "Public Buildings" provides background information on the following "parallel" sites in the two cities **(Transparency 17–17G "Public Buildings")** and their significance. Information on the sites in Washington are readily available in textbooks and the school media center.

WASHINGTON	BERLIN	SIGNIFICANCE
Capitol	**Reichstag**	**site for meetings of the national legislature**
White House	**Chancellery**	**office and home of the president in Washington/ office of the chancellor in Berlin**
Iwo Jima	**Victory Column**	**war / victory memorials**
National Cathedral	**Berlin Cathedral**	**the "nation's churches"**
Kennedy Center	**Philharmonie**	**centres of the performing arts**
Smithsonian Institution	**Museum Island**	**museums of country wide importance**
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Air and Space	National Gallery	
Natural History	Neues Museum	
Portrait Gallery	Pergamon Museum	
American History	Bode Museum	
Arts and Industries	Altes Museum	
National Zoo	**Zoological Garden**	**animals from around the world**
Lincoln Memorial	**Brandenburg Gate**	**symbols of divisions and unification**

Distribute the **maps** of **Berlin (Handout 17)** and **Washington (Handout 18)** to students along with **Worksheet 15, "Locating Public Buildings."** Assist students in locating the sites on the map, recording the map grid coordinates, and determining the significance/ relationship of the two sites.