

This handout lists the pertinent cultural information present in Unit 8 of *Auf geht's!*. Using the Interactive, make your own notes in order to help you study for an exam on this unit.

## Deutsche Geschichte

- countries that share a border with Germany
- *Krieg gegen Österreich 1866, Kleindeutschland, Großdeutschland*
- *Krieg gegen Frankreich 1870-1, Elsass-Lothringen, Versailles*
- Treaty of Versailles in 1919
- National Socialists coming to power in Germany
- *der Anschluss*
- invasion of Poland
- *Blitzkrieg* warfare tactic
- Battle of Stalingrad
- end of WWII, *Besatzungszonen*
- DDR and BRD
- rise and fall of *die Berliner Mauer*
- *die Wiedervereinigung*

## Die Europäische Union

- Robert Schuman and the founding of the EU
- the two precursors to the EU
- six founding members of the EU
- *Europäische Integration*
- Switzerland and joining the EU
- *die Osterweiterung*
- current number of member states and languages spoken within them
- nations having trouble joining the EU
- *Europäisches Parlament*
- *Europäischer Rat*
- *Europäischer Gerichtshof*
- *Europäische Kommission*
- Erasmus Program
- the EU as a world power
- major issues being debated in the EU constantly
- how the EU supports European farmers

## Österreich

- landscape and geological features
- *die österreichischen Bundesländer*
- *die Habsburger*
- Maria Theresa
- *die Doppelmonarchie*
- event that led to the beginning of WWI
- the Austrian Republic
- annexation by Germany in 1938
- *Neutralität*
- *EU Beitritt*
- *Skiwoche*

- *die Piefkes*
- Austrians and earned titles
- Austrian-German relations
- Reinhold Messner
- *Sturm*
- *der 1. Bezirk in Wien*
- *der Stefansdom*
- *der Türkenschanzpark*
- *der Prater*
- *der Fiaker*
- *das Riesenrad*
- *das Hundertwasserhaus*
- *der Naschmarkt*
- *der Heurige*
- *der Zentralfriedhof*
- *das Kaffeehaus/die Kaffeehauskultur*

## Die Schweiz

- *Einwanderungsland*
- which tribes settled the four regions of Switzerland
- associations with Switzerland under the Romans
- Free Imperial City status in Holy Roman Empire
- Swiss Confederation (CH) and original cantons
- when these key events took place:
  - Swiss Guard named official army of the Vatican
  - Switzerland declares eternal neutrality
  - CH defeats a Habsburg army
  - CH is de facto independent from the Holy Roman Empire
- the Napoleonic wars
- number of cantons in Switzerland today
- two key figures in Swiss Reformation
- Switzerland and refugees from countries occupied by Nazis
- Swiss-German relations during WWII
- returning money to Holocaust victims after WWII
- major cities and associations: Basel, Luzern, Genf, Bern, Zürich, Lausanne
- legend of Wilhelm Tell
- major humanitarian organizations based in Geneva
- four official languages in Switzerland
- *Schwyzerdütsch*
- how Swiss view *Hochdeutsch* (standard German)

**Die Schweiz (cont.)**

- Jean Henri Dunant and *das Rote Kreuz*
- *Söldner*
- Switzerland and the United Nations and EU
- tallest mountain in Switzerland
- *Heidi-Dorf* theme park
- *Schweizer Messer* and tools you find in one
- Toblerone
- Milka
- *Bernhardiner*
- how Swiss banking practices have changed over time