

German III  
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German III is designed to utilize the student's knowledge from German I and II to express themselves fully in German. While there will still be new elements of grammar introduced, the class will focus mostly on areas of history and culture. To achieve proficiency in these areas, students must attend class daily and participate actively in each class session.

There will be no specific book used for the entire year. Students will rely heavily on handouts and note taking. It is critical that all materials are brought to class every day.

There are five components that comprise your grade. Each component is equally weighted (20% of your grade). This means that failure to do one component will lower your grade one letter grade, failure to do two will result in failing the course.

***Daily Participation*** – Being an active participant in class is the best way to learn. Therefore each student will receive 10 points for each class period where you are an active participant. Each class that you are not an active participant will result in a zero.

***Homework*** – Homework assignments are given on a regular basis. They are short and should take no more than 10-20 minutes. Homework is designed to be a refresher of what was taught in class that day.

***Grammar (lower level teaching)*** – Each student will be required to create two grammar lessons, one for German I and one for German II. Students may work in teams of two or three and will be assigned concepts.

**Projects** – For each topic you will create a final project that represents the area(s) we have studied. They will count as the test. Guidelines and expectations will be handed out for each project. Projects can include, but are not limited to, sculpture, drawings or paintings, original songs or poetry, collages, voicethreads, podcasts or multimedia presentations. Keep in mind that all projects need to be presentation worthy and you will present one of your projects to another non-German class.

**Book Report** – Each student must complete a book report each semester. There is a list of books attached to this syllabus, along with the report format. You may choose a different book that is about a famous German or that deals with German culture or history. All books must be approved prior to the book report being turned in and **IT MUST BE THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE READ THIS BOOK!!** Reports will be accepted throughout the semester, but the final due date is the Friday before semester exams.

**Extra Credit** – Extra Credit may be earned every nine weeks. You may either turn in an extra project or Spielgeld earned in class.

Tutoring is available before and after school, via email, or during Wednesday and Friday advisory periods.