Educator Resources
Flash Chat: German Consul General Wolfgang Moessinger
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Reflection Questions for This Session

1. Consul General Moessinger noted that many people confuse US consulates with embassies. What is the role of a US consulate? Do you know of any consulates in your city?
2. What issues did Consul General Moessinger mention in his presentation? What current issues come to mind when you think of modern Germany? Have you heard of any mentions of Germany in the news?
3. Cincinnati has a deep German heritage. What are some of the ways you see this German influence in our city? Think about restaurants, street and community names, etc.
4. What current issues and focuses do you think the US and Germany both share?
5. Consul General Moessinger has had a long diplomatic career. What skills do you think are necessary for someone serving in a US consulate or embassy?
6. Why do you think it is important that the US maintain a good relationship with Germany? How do you think consulates can help support that relationship?

Panelists and Organizations from the Session

1. German Consulate General Chicago - Federal Foreign Office
2. Goethe-Institut
3. Wunderbar Together

Additional Resources

Video: How is Embassy different from Consulate? (Padhaku Log)
Video: How do Embassies Work? (KhAnubis)
Article/Webpage: What is a US Consulate? (National Museum of American Diplomacy)
Video: How to Build a Governing Coalition in Germany (Bertelsmann Foundation)
Article: German Federal Elections: Education Guide
Blog: German Cincinnati History and Heritage (World Affairs Council of Cincinnati & Northern KY)
Article: German Immigration Wave: 1830s-1950s (Cincinnati: A City of Immigrants)
Article: Merkel's Legacy and the Future of Germany (Council on Foreign Relations)
Quiz: See How Much You Know About Germany (Council on Foreign Relations)

Related Lesson Plans

German Elections, Government, and Politics

1. The More the Merrier-- Germany's Multiparty Political System (Transatlantic Outreach Program)
2. Germany's Federal Government (Transatlantic Outreach Program)
3. Germans Vote 2021 (Goethe Institut)
4. 'Angela Merkel, Reluctant Leader of the West, 'Has Gotten the Taste for It'' (New York Times Learning Network)

Culture and History

1. Germany in Focus-- Inquiry Lessons & Handouts (Goethe Institut)
2. Germany Has Been Unified for 30 Years. Its Identity Still Is Not. (New York Times Learning Network)
3. German Immigrants: Their Contributions to the Upper Midwest (Library of Congress)

About the Speaker

Wolfgang Mössinger is Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Midwest, based in Chicago. After school and military service he studied German, French and History at the Albert-Ludwigs-University in Freiburg. He joined the Federal Foreign Office in 1987. His first postings abroad were Dakar, Helsinki and Moscow. From 2008 to 2012 he was Consul General in Edinburgh, from 2012 to 2015 Deputy Ambassador in Baku, from 2015 to 2019 Consul General in Dnipro (Eastern Ukraine). On July 1, 2019 he joined the Consulate General in Chicago. Consul General Moessinger is married to Mairéad Winters-Moessinger, an Irish citizen. The couple has two adult daughters.

You can view his C.V. here.