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How do past relationships between countries affect how they interact today? (Germany and Poland). I chose this question because the history between Germany and Poland shapes how they deal with each other today. Their past conflicts and cooperation influence current politics and relationships. It's important to understand this history to see why they act the way they do now. My best source would be a book called "The United Nations" by Kirsten Nakjavani Bookmiller. This helped me learn a lot more about how it all works and global organizations, but specifically the European Union.

My essential question didn't change as I was reading my most valuable source. This source has influenced my question because there was a chapter that was talking about how the UN and other world organizations are trying to help with issues like war. This got me thinking about how world organizations help out countries that have past issues and work together. This got me into more research on what countries have had problems with each other in the past, but are now working together.

I think my essential question falls under the Analysis (Analyzing) category. My essential question suits this category best because it asks me to break down the current situation and figure out the cause-and-effect between the past and the present. I have to analyze how the pieces of the past directly impact the pieces of the present. This will help me have a better understanding of the whole story between Germany and Poland.