

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

Guiding Question

What is the energy mix of your community?

Gather information to answer the following discussion questions:

- What is the difference between renewable and nonrenewable energy?
- Why are renewable energy resources important to environmental policy?
- Critics and proponents generally agree that full implementation of renewable energy resources will require:
 - Government subsidies
 - Decentralization of energy production

In small groups, research the energy mix of your own community. Use the [Power Profiler](#) on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website to get results for your area. Compare your findings to Germany's energy mix. You will receive instructions on how to share your findings with your class.