

TRANSATLANTIC POLITICS

A2 – Exchange

WE THE PEOPLE...

As democratic countries, both Germany and the United States have a written constitution which grants basic fundamental rights – German Basic Law and the United States Constitution.

How are the rights given by these documents similar?
How are they different?

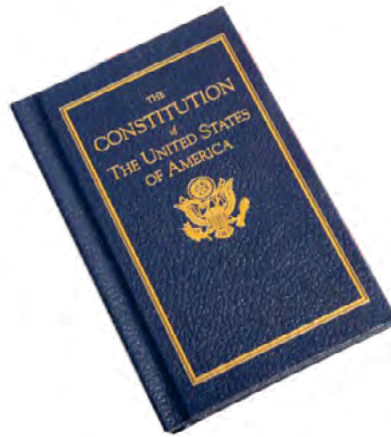
YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

1

In a small group, read the section of your country's constitution that lists basic fundamental rights: German Basic Law articles 1-19; United States Constitution: first 10 amendments.



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2

Summarize each basic rights listed and create a list.

3

Meet with a small group from your partner class. Share and explain the basic rights found in your country's constitution. Be prepared to answer questions.

4

Create a Venn Diagram showing the similarities and differences between the fundamental rights listed for each country. Are there rights not currently included in your country's constitution that you believe should be added? If so, why?