**Das Lied der Deutschen (Song of the Germans)**

**Symbol of Nationalism: the national anthem of the newly unified Germany.**

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| 1. ***Germany, Germany above all*** \* ***Above everything in the world*** \* ***When, always, for protection and defense Brothers stand together.*** From the Maas to the Memel From the Etsch to the Belt, Germany, Germany above all Above all in the world.  2. German women, German fidelity, German wine and German song, Shall retain, throughout the world, Their old respected fame, ***To inspire us to noble deeds For the length of our lives.*** German women, German fidelity, German wine and German song. |  | 3. ***Unity and right and freedom For the German Fatherland; Let us all strive to this goal Brotherly, with heart and hand. Unity and rights and freedom*** Are the pledge of fortune grand. Prosper in this fortune's glory, ***Prosper German fatherland.***  \**The sentiment of the first two lines is: "Esteemed above everything in the world", (as most citizens express of their homeland)* ***not*** *"rulers of the world."*  *At the time it was written, it was a call to unite the many independent states into one unified Germany.* |

1. In what ways do the music and lyrics reflect the spirit of nationalism that motivated the unification of Germany?

2. What kind of imagery is used?

3. How do you think the new Germany wants other countries to see it? Give reasons for your answer.

4. Do you think the lyrics are aggressive?

**National Anthem of Great Britain**

1. God save our gracious Queen,

2. O Lord ***our God*** arise,

***Scatter her enemies,***

***And make them fall:***

***Confound their politics,***

***Frustrate their knavish tricks,***

***On Thee our hopes we fix:***

***God save us all.***

***Confound* Means to puzzle/confuse.**

***Knavish* Means untrustworthy.**

Long live our noble Queen,

God save the Queen:

***Send her victorious,***

***Happy and glorious,***

Long to reign over us:

God save the Queen.

3. Thy choicest gifts in store,

On her be pleased to pour;

Long may she reign:

***May she defend our laws,***

***And ever give us cause***

***To sing with heart and voice:***

***God save the Queen.***

**Compare the British National anthem to that of Germany.**

1. What are the similarities and differences?

2. Do you think one or both anthems are aggressive in lyrics? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Which country firmly believes that God is on their side? How do you think this affects their nationalism?

4. How many times does the ‘***Das Lied Der Deutschen’*** mention religion? How is this different to ***God Save the Queen***?

5.Why do you think using religion in their anthem is so important to the British ?