



Language Biography Update

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Please look at previous answers in your portfolio and reflect on any changes. Be as detailed as possible.

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How have your ideas about German culture changed?

Having travelled to Germany during the Spring I feel like I'm starting to understand German culture more and more. When I began the learning process, I didn't really have any ideas stuck in my head, so it's hard to say that my ideas have changed so much as I've developed some. I'm starting to understand that while German people may be outwardly cold, they are as warm as any others once they open up.

How would you describe German as a language compared to when you started?

The more I learn about German, the more I wonder how it can still be a major world language. It seems complicated beyond reason. When I started, I thought it would be easy to learn and that it would be similar to English. How silly I was back then...

Describe your next objectives and plans and specify when/by the end of which time period you would like to reach the stated objectives.

I would like to be able to hold a reasonable conversation without switching back to English, hopefully by the end of the academic year.