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| **8th Grade** | **Unit Name** | **Length of Study** |
| Beginning of Year | Introduction/Community Building/Review | 5 classes |
| Unit 1 | Music and Theater  German/Austrian Dances: Schuhplattler/Walzer  Describing and teaching movement  German songs: The 80’s Neue Deutsche Welle  A musical revolution in Germany  Writing short stories based on lyrics  Grammar: nouns, adverbials, subordinate clause word order, prepositions “zu” and “nach”, helping verbs in present perfect  (used in assignments and practices throughout the year) | 10 classes |
| DSD1 Prep | Writing a letter to the editor in German | 10 classes |
| Unit 2 | Human-Environmental Interaction  The Energy Revolution in Germany  Green energy sources, dangers of nuclear power  Compare-contrast energy policy USA-Germany  Film: “Die Wolke” | 10 classes |
| Unit 3 | Our World and Global Contributions  German companies in the Charlotte region  Research and presentations  Preparing for a job interview | 15 classes |
| Unit 4 | Waves of Change  (immigration)  Historical background of immigration to Germany  Current political climate in Germany  Position paper: pro or con allowing immigration into Germany | 15 classes |
| Unit 5 | Novel Study: “Rico, Oskar und die Tieferschatten”  Plot, characterization, point of view, unreliable narrator | 20 classes |
| End of Year | Review/ Exam preparation | 5 classes |