

# **Helga Teaching Compendium**

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## **Introduction**

This compendium is a collection of material and photos that Helga accumulated for the classes she taught. In 1972 Helga received a Bachelor's in Art from South Carolina University in Foreign Language Teaching in German and French. From then on, wherever Hans was stationed in the US Air Force, Helga would become a Certified Foreign Language Teacher. She taught in schools in South Carolina, Alabama, and Austin Texas.

In South Carolina, Helga was a student teacher in a High School in Columbia South Carolina. Soon after she received her degree and teaching certificate, the family moved to Montgomery Alabama.

In Alabama, Helga had to take a few extra college courses to receive a Teaching Certificate for Alabama. This is standard in United States, the individual states do not recognize each other's Teaching Certificates and require additional courses. Helga found a Foreign Language teacher position at a Private Middle School. Helga's foreign languages were German, French, and English. She was hired to teach Spanish. The School's administration believed that if you know one foreign language you know them all. Helga would study Spanish in the evening and try to stay a few days ahead of her students and lesson plan. To help the middle school students learn, she developed her own style of teaching. Helga would use music and puppets as props in her classes.

In Austin Texas, she again had to take extra classes to receive a Teaching Certificate in Texas. Then she found a position as German Language Teacher at Anderson High School in Austin. She taught for two years, then the family moved to Saudi Arabia. There, Helga was not allowed to work.

When the family came back to Austin, Helga began to teach at Austin Community College. She was also asked by several large companies to teach German language, culture, and manners to their Managers. After 1991, Helga and Hans were involved in re-establishing the German Free School in downtown Austin. Helga was one of the first German teachers at this School.

Hans and Helga were also involved in the German Texan Heritage Society, has this society published a monthly newsletter and later a quarterly journal. Helga had a column called "Helga's Corner". She used this column to teach readers something about Germany, the German Language, or German culture, in a slightly humorous way. Helga would often use some of her teaching material, for example vocabulary exercises. Later Helga published three books that were compendiums of her articles "Helga's Corner", "German and Germans", and "More of Helga's Corner".

As additional files to this compendium are scans of the material that Helga used for some of the classes.

Basic German

Intermediate German for Austin Community College Lifetime Learning Fall 2000

### Basic German Learning Material

Helga's daughter, Bettina, went to the German Elementary School in Herford Germany for a few months. This was the same school that Helga attended as a child. Bettina used a Primer (Fibel) titled 'Wer Liest Mit? (Who reads along?)'. Helga would copy pages from this Primer for use in her lessons.



# Basic German Material

# Speisekarten: Understanding German Menus

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German  
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