



Unit 7 — The Abitur Essay

Track E · Klasse 13 · Niveau E (Basisfach / Leistungsfach) · Abitur year

Learning objectives

- *I can plan a 90-minute Abitur Composition (Composition / Comment, ~25 BE Basisfach / ~35 BE Leistungsfach) under timed conditions.*
- *I can produce a 350-450 word Abitur-grade argumentative or creative response.*
- *I can self-assess against the Abitur Bewertungsraster (grading grid).*

Lead-in

First of three Abitur-prep Units. Today's focus: the Composition / Comment task. Mr. Yilmaz set a real-format prompt linked to a 1,000-word source extract. 90 minutes. Submit. Class debriefs against the official Bewertungsraster (grading grid) — Inhalt and Sprache scored separately.

Key points

- **Argumentative comment:** *Comment on the writer's central claim / Discuss the position presented in the source.* 350-450 words. Thesis + evidence + counter + conclusion.
- **Creative response:** *Write a letter, diary entry, or speech in the voice of [character / speaker].* 350-450 words. Genre-shifts but preserves argumentative weight.
- **Both task types:** integrate one quote from the source; sustain academic discourse markers; preserve the source's argumentative weight.
- **Inhalt** (content): thesis clarity, evidence use, engagement with source, completeness of argument.

Practise

- Match: argumentative comment → discuss claim; creative response → genre shift; both → integrate quote.
- T or F: Bewertungsraster scores Inhalt and Sprache together; Sprache weighted higher in LF; both task types preserve argumentative weight.
- Outline a 400-word argumentative comment on a 1,000-word source (provided in class).

Your turn

Abitur Composition rehearsal, 90 minutes. Real-format prompt + 1,000-word source. Submit. Class debriefs collectively with focus on time-management and Inhalt / Sprache balance.

Reflect

- I can plan and produce a 350-450 word Abitur Composition under timed conditions.
- I can sustain Abitur-grade Inhalt and Sprache.
- I can self-assess against the Bewertungsraster.