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Can I analyse the features of an explanation text?

Must: Identify the features and highlight them in the text.

Could: Annotate next to the features why they are needed.

Challenge: Can you practice using the features yourself in sentences?

How Germany is going to make Denmark great again

ATTENTION ALL DANES! Do not be alarmed. Germany is here to make this once proud nation great again. Cooperate with our mission, and we will restore the prosperity and sovereignty that Denmark deserves.

Since the war ended in 1918, Western countries, such as Britain and France, have unfairly discriminated against countries such as ours by forcing our armies to reduce in size, reducing our territory and placing crippling economic sanctions on us. We believe that countries like Germany and Denmark should be the global leading powers with the freedom to improve the lives of our citizens now and in the future.

For centuries now, Britain and France have led the way in European Colonisation of Africa. In 1884, we hosted a meeting in Berlin with the aim to persuade them to share the vast amount of wealth and resources they have acquired from the continent. We were doing this on behalf of all European nations because we believe that all of us deserve a share of the riches that the allies so greedily hoard for themselves. Despite our best efforts, Britain and France have continued to push other European colonies (including our own) out of Africa throughout the 20th century.

Unfortunately, British and French unfair treatment of their European neighbours does not only take place on African soil. The only objectives that the allied powers had when they created the Treaty of Versailles was to increase their own economic and military power around the whole world. This is because they want to take advantage of countries like Denmark, by controlling your governments and stealing your natural resources. Even Italy, a country who fought alongside the allied powers, now realise the treaty was unfair and have consequently joined our great cause to redress the imbalances that now exist in Europe.

Germany has gained military intelligence that Britain and France are planning to advance on Northern and Eastern European countries in order to increase their territorial control over our continent. As a result of this, we will be deploying our German troops to Danish territories over the coming weeks so that we can protect you from the aggressive allied invasion.

As well as a clear and violent Western threat, there are also dangers in the East that we must protect you from. Since the end of the Great War, we have worked tirelessly in Germany to dismantle the rise of Communism in our great continent. We have successfully out-thought and out-fought the Soviet's political ideals that risk to destabilise all of Europe. Now that Stalin is in power, we must continue to fight against the Eastern allied powers who pose just as great a risk as their friends in the West.

We must guard you from these increasing threats to your independence. Therefore, you will be seeing German soldiers on your streets as well as our highly advanced military ships and aircrafts. However, please do not be alarmed by our presence. We pose no threat to law-abiding Danish citizens and you will be able to carry on your daily routines without any disturbances. Please always remember that we are here to defend your freedom.

Since 1939, we have already occupied other European countries, such as Poland, in a similar fashion and they are in full support of our military interventions because they are aware of the threats we are all facing from our Western and Eastern enemies.

Recently, you may have heard contrasting reports about our intentions from British and French media, but do not be manipulated by their negative propaganda which only seeks to undermine our liberation of countries across Europe, including Denmark.

Once we have successfully defended Northern and Eastern Europe from the Western threats, we will then seek to improve Europe as a whole by making it a fairer continent that benefits all countries. Now that you understand why we are here and the benefit German presence will have on Denmark, we are expecting you to support us in this objective with the same loyalty that other European countries already have.