

Louisiana PASS



Photo of Castle Neuschwanstein courtesy of Jason Schwartz.

Castle Neuschwanstein

Many American visitors to Castle Neuschwanstein in Germany develop a funny sense of *déjà vu*, the feeling that the castle is something they've seen before. And it is, as long as they've been to Disneyland. America's most famous castle, the Sleeping Beauty Castle at Disneyland, was modeled after Europe's most famous castle, Neuschwanstein. But while the U.S. version is only home to gift shops and cartoon characters, the German version was once home to King Ludwig, one of Germany's most unusual monarchs.

Ludwig once had ambitions to build an empire, but he quickly lost his interest (and some say his mind!) after losing a war with Prussia. Looking for something he could be more successful at, Ludwig redirected his energy from empire-building to castle-building. Though Castle Linderhof was his favorite (and the only castle that King Ludwig actually finished), Neuschwanstein is the castle that has become the most famous. Just like your dream castle might be filled with posters of your favorite bands, Ludwig filled Neuschwanstein with murals depicting scenes from the operas of Richard Wagner, his favorite musician. Though the castle was never completed, Neuschwanstein continues to attract visitors from all over the world. But if Neuschwanstein doesn't suit your style, you'll be glad to know that there's another castle, Hohenschwangau (Hall of the Swan Knight), right next door!

[To return to the Information Station to check your scores or to take another test, click here.](#)

For more information about German castles, click on one of these links.

[More about Castle Neuschwanstein](#)

[Castle Linderhof](#)

Note: *The links above are to websites outside the Louisiana PASS system. These links are not maintained by the Louisiana Department of Education and may not always function properly. To report a problem with one of these links, please send an e-mail to the PASS Help Desk at help@LouisianaPASS.org.*