**Famous German Natives**  
  
**A - B**

* **Konrad Adenauer** former chancellor
* **Alois Alzheimer** psychiatirst, neuropathologist, identified alzheimer disease
* **Arminius (Hermann)** military commander, tribal warlord
* **Johann Sebastian Bach** composer
* **Karl Baedeker** publisher, travel guide author
* **Michael Ballhaus** cinematographer
* **Anton de Bary** surgeon, botanist, microbiologist
* **Bruno Bauer** political theorist and philosopher
* **Franz Beckenbauer** football player
* **Boris Becker** tennis player
* **Ludwig van Beethoven** composer
* **Peter Behrens** architect, designer
* **Carl Benz** co-inventor gasoline-powered auto
* **Otto von Bismarck** imperial chancellor
* **Dietrich Bonhoeffer** pastor, theologian, martyr
* **Hugo Boss** fashion designer
* **Johannes Brahms** composer
* **Willy Brandt** politician, chancellor, nobel laureate
* **Wernher von Braun** engineer, rocket scientist
* **Bertolt Brecht** playwright, poet
* **Max Bruch** composer

**C - E**

* **Charlemagne *(Karl der Grobe)*** emperor holy roman empire; king of the franks
* **Gottlieb Daimler** co-inventor gasoline-powered auto
* **Adolf "Adi" Dassler** founder adidas sportswear
* **Rudolf Diesel** inventor of diesel engine
* **Marlene Dietrich** actress, singer
* **Albrecht Durer** painter
* **Rudi Dutschke** leader german student movement
* **Carl Friedrich Echtermeier** sculptor
* **Egon Eiermann** architect, designer
* **Albert Einstein** scientist, theoretical physicist
* **Hanns Eisler** composer
* **Roland Emmerich** director, screenwriter, producer
* **Michael Ende** author fantasy novels, children's books
* **Friedrich Engels** philosopher, political economist
* **William Entenmann** baker, founder entenmann's bakery
* **Erik Erikson** psychologist, psychoanalyst, coined phrase "identity crisis"
* **Max Ernst** surrealist painter

**F - G**

* **Gabriel Fahrenheit** physicist, engineer, inventor fahrenheit temperature scale
* **Adolf Eugen Fick** inventor of contact lenses
* **Siegfried Fischbacher** illusionist, magician
* **Friedrich von Flotow** composer
* **Theodor Fontane** novelist and poet
* **Anne Frank** diarist, holocaust victim
* **Wilhelm Siegmund Frei** dermatologist
* **Erich Fromm** psychologist
* **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe** author, poet
* **Steffi Graf** tennis player
* **Gunter Grass** author
* **Brothers Grimm** collectors/publishers of fairy tales
* **Walter Adolph Gropius** architect, founder bauhaus
* **Johannes Gutenberg** inventor printing press

**Famous Natives**  
  
**H - J**

* **Gunther von Hagens** anatomist, inventor plastination
* **Georg Friedrich Handel** opera composer
* **Georg Wilhelm Hegel** philosopher
* **Heinrich Heine** journalist, essayist, poet
* **Werner Karl Heisenberg** physicist, nobel prize laureate, founder quantum mechanics
* **Fanny Hensel** composer
* **Alfred Herrhausen** banker, chairman deutsche bank
* **Heinrich Rudolf Hertz** physicist, mechanician
* **Hermann Hesse** author
* **Paul Hindemith** composer
* **Adolf Hitler** politician, Nazi party leader *(born in Austria)*
* **E.T.A. Hoffmann** author
* **Hans Holbein** illustrator, painter
* **Erich Honecker** politician
* **August Horch** car designer and manufacturer
* **Roy Horn** illusionist, animal conservationist
* **Karen Horney** psychoanalyst
* **Alexander von Humboldt** naturalist, explorer
* **Wilhelm von Humboldt** diplomat, philosopher, linguist
* **Helmut Jahn** architect, designer
* **Ernst Junger** writer, novelist
* **Hugo Junkers** aircraft engineer

**K - L**

* **Immanuel Kant** philosopher
* **Bill Kaulitz** singer
* **Tom Kaulitz** musician
* **Friedrich Kellner** diarist
* **Johannas Kepler** mathematician, astronomer, astrologer
* **Henry Kissinger** diplomat, noble prize winner
* **Ludwig Klages** philosopher
* **Paul Klee** artist
* **Heinrich von Kleist** poet, dramatist, author
* **Heidi Klum** actress, model
* **Robert Koch** physician,bacteriologist, nobel prize laureate; founder bacteriology
* **Horst Kohler** former president
* **Karl Lagerfield** fashion designer
* **Fritz Lang** film director
* **Bernhard Langer** golfer
* **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz** philosopher, mathmatician
* **Max Liebermann** painter
* **Otto Lilienthal** aviation pioneer
* **Till Lindemann** musician, poet
* **Hans Lippershey** lensmaker, inventor of telescope
* **Georg Listing** musician
* **Ludwig II of Bavaria** king of bavaria; "swan king"
* **Markus Lupertz** painter and sculptor
* **Martin Luther** priest, professor, reformer, theologian

**M**

* **Thomas Mann** author
* **Heinrich Mann** author
* **Siegfried Marcus** automobile pioneer
* **Christian Friedrich Martin** inventor steel-string guitar
* **Karl Marx** philosopher, sociologist
* **Karl May** author
* **Ulrike Marie Meinhof** journalist, co-founder red army
* **Felix Mendelssohn** composer
* **Moses Mendelssohn** philosopher
* **Gerardus Mercator** cartographer
* **Ottmar Mergenthaler** inventor linotype
* **Angela Merkel** german chancellor
* **Heinrich Meyerfreund** founder garoto chocolate co.

**Famous Natives**  
  
**N - P**

* **Thomas Nast** caricaturist, cartoonist
* **Helmut Newton** fashion photographer
* **Friedrich Nietzche** philosopher
* **Adolph Northen** artist
* **Novalis** poet and novelist
* **Dirk Nowitzki** nba basketball player
* **Jacques Offenbach** composer
* **Georg Simon Ohm** physicist, educator
* **Wilhelm Ostwald** chemist, philosopher
* **Frei Otto** architect, research scientist
* **Nikolaus Otto** inventor
* **Johann Pachelbel** organist, composer
* **Wolfgang Petersen** film director
* **Ferdinand Alexander Porsche** automobile designer
* **Ferry Porsche** founder of porsche automobiles
* **Franka Potente** actress

**R**

* **Karl Rahner** theologian
* **Leopold von Ranke** historian, author
* **Josef Alois Ratzinger** pope benedict xvi
* **Paul Reuter** journalist, founder reuters news agency
* **Erwin Johannes Eugen "Desert Fox" Rommel** field marshall world war II
* **Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen** physicist, inventor electromagnetic radiation (X-rays), nobel laureate
* **Karl-Heinz "Kalle" Rummenigge** football player

**S**

* **Gustav Schafer** musician
* **Friedrich Schelling** philosopher
* **Claudia Schiffer** model
* **Friedrich Schiller** poet, playwright
* **Peter Schilling** musician
* **Oskar Schindler** industrialist, world war II hero
* **Max Schmeling** boxing champion
* **Carl Schmitt** political theorist
* **Arthur Schopenhauer** philosopher
* **Detlef Schrempf** basketball player
* **Gerhard Schroder** former german chancellor
* **Fritz Schumacher** architect, urban designer
* **Michael Schumacher** seven-time F1 world champion race car driver
* **Robert Schumann** composer
* **Carl Schurz** u.s. senator
* **Heinrich Schutz** composer
* **Albert Schweitzer** physician, humanitarian
* **Carl Semper** ecologist
* **Henry Shultz** entreprenuer
* **Georg Simmel** philosopher, sociologist
* **Heidi Simonis** first woman govenor of german state
* **Elke Sommer** actress
* **William Stern** psychologist, philosopher
* **Levi Strauss** founder levi strauss jeans
* **Richard Strauss** opera composer

**U - Z**

* **Bernd Ullrich** painter, sculptor
* **Max Vasmer** linguist
* **Jesco von Puttkamer** space scientist, engineer
* **Manfred von Richthofen** world war I pilot *(Red Baron)*
* **Rudolph Virchow** pioneer of medicine
* **Klaus Voormann** artist, musician, record producer
* **Richard Wagner** composer
* **Felix Wankel** inventor of wankel engine
* **August von Wassermann** pathologist
* **Kurt Weill** composer
* **Mats Wilander** tennis player
* **Katerina Witt** ice skater
* **Christian Wilhelm Walter Wulff** former president
* **Wilhelm Wundt** psychologist
* **Carl Zeiss** optician, zeiss lenses
* **Ferdinand von Zeppelin** airship inventor
* **Hans Zimmer** composer
* **Konrad Zuse** computer pioneer