

History of Modern Germany  
Paper Topic – Buddenbrooks

Buddenbrooks is a multi-generational portrait of a merchant family in Luebeck a free city in northern Germany. The novel covers roughly the 50 years prior to German unification. His central theme is the conflict between the dispositions of the hard-headed businessman and the romantic disposition of the artist. As he explores this conflict Thomas Mann also discusses a variety of other divisions in pre- unification Germany, among the most important are differences in: religion, class, and regional customs and attachments. Discuss the nature, severity and persistence of one of these divisions as the subject for you 4-5 page paper.