

Internet Assignment #3

Germany

1. Name the countries bordering Germany.
2. What is the official name of this country?
3. What is the population of Germany? What is the age structure of the country?
4. What is the dominant religion of Germany and what are the two most significant ethnic groups?
5. What type of government do the Germans have?
6. Who is the chief of state and who is the head of government?
7. According to the last round of election results, name the top three political parties.
8. What type of economy do the Germans have and what is the major export?
9. Most of the German population is employed in which sector?
10. How many men are in uniform in Germany? Are they deployed outside of the country?
11. What are the major geographical features of Germany and how have these affected historical development?

Writing Assignment #3

Germany

12. What are the Chancellor's top priorities in 1999?
13. How many women are currently in the German cabinet and what portfolios do they hold?
14. What is the German view of greater European integration? With which other European country are the Germans most closely allied?
15. How would you characterize German political development? Give examples to illustrate your points.
16. What is the relationship between the organs of state in Germany? What is the role of the the Federal President, the Chancellor, and Parliament in the political process?
17. What are the origins of the Basic Law? Why is the Basic Law the topic of so much discussion at the present time? What are the Basic Rights of the German constitution?
18. Discuss the electoral process in Germany. What are the principles on which the electoral system is based and how are the President and Chancellor chosen? How does the electoral system affect the conduct of politics?
19. What issue do you think is the most significant for Chancellor Schroeder and Germany at the present time? Why and how do you think it will be resolved?

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