

Internet Assignment #4

Italy

1. Name the countries bordering Italy.
2. What is the official name of this country?
3. What is the population of Italy? What is the age structure of the country?
4. What is the dominant religion of Italy and what are the two most significant ethnic groups?
5. What type of government do the Italians 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 five political parties.
8. What type of economy do the Italians have and what is the major export?
9. Most of the Italian population is employed in which sector?
10. How many men are in uniform in Italy? Are they deployed outside of the country?
11. What are the major geographical features of Italy and how have these affected historical development?

Writing Assignment #4

Italy

12. What are the Premier's top priorities in 1999?
13. What is the status of the "Clean Hands" operation in Italy?
14. What is the Italian view of greater European integration? Why were so many Europeans surprised that Italy qualified for monetary union?
15. How would you characterize Italian political development? Give examples to illustrate your points.
16. What is the relationship between the organs of state in Italy? What is the role of the President, Premier, and Parliament in the political process?
17. What are the distinctive features of the Italian Constitution? Why has electoral reform not helped the efficiency of the Parliament?
18. What issue do you think is the most significant for D'Alema and Italy at the present time? Why and how do you think it will be resolved?