

Internet Assignment #1

Great Britain

1. Name the countries bordering Britain.
2. What is the official name of this country?
3. What is the population of Great Britain? What is the age structure of the country?
4. What is the dominant religion of Great Britain and what are the four most significant ethnic groups?
5. What type of government do the British 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 British have and what is the major export?
9. Most of the British population is employed in which sector?
10. How many men are in uniform in Britain? Where might they be deployed at any time?
11. What are the major geographical features of Great Britain and how have these affected historical development?

Writing Assignment #1

Great Britain

12. What is Number 10 Downing Street? What is the Cabinet Room used for at present?
13. What is the Queen's Government's top priority in 1998-99? Name two other bills the Government will introduce in 1999.
14. What initiatives are being undertaken to give Britain a new constitution and how does this affect the hereditary peers in the House of Lords?
15. What is the British view of greater European integration? Do Labour and Tory views differ? If so, how?
16. Give examples of why British political development is characterized by pragmatism, evolution, and consensus. You may use issue areas of your choice.
17. What is the relationship between the organs of state in Britain? What is the role of the Prime Minister, the Queen, and Parliament in the political process?
18. Discuss the electoral process in Great Britain. What are the principles on which the electoral system is based and how are MPs elected? How does the electoral system affect the conduct of politics?
19. What issue do you think is the most significant for Tony Blair and Great Britain at the present time? Why and how do you think it will be resolved?