

Internet Assignment #2

France

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

12. Writing Assignment #1

France

13. What are the Prime Minister's top priorities in 1999?
14. What is cohabitation and how does it affect the operation of the French government?
15. What is the French view of greater European integration? With which other European country are the French most closely allied?
16. Give examples of why French political development is characterized by revolution and instability. You may use issue areas of your choice.
17. What is the relationship between the organs of state in France? What is the role of the Prime Minister, the President, and Parliament in the political process?
18. Discuss the electoral process in France. What are the principles on which the electoral system is based and how are the President and Prime Minister chosen? How does the electoral system affect the conduct of politics?
19. What issue do you think is the most significant for Jacques Chirac, Lionel Jospin and France at the present time? Why and how do you think it will be resolved?