

Germany and the Alpine Countries

- Germany's Land
 - Surrounded by _____
 - North- Northern European Plain
 - Central- rock highlands with coal
 - South- Alps- threatened by acid rain
 - Rivers- important to economy
 - _____ - begins in the Black Forest
 - _____ - central highlands to North Sea- Hamburg
 - _____ - Swiss Alps, through Germany and Netherlands to North Sea

Germany and the Alpine Countries

- History and Government
 - Used to be a bunch of states- 1871 united into Germany
 - 20th century- started 2 world wars
 - After WW2- divided into 4 zones- West Germany (_____), East Germany (_____)
 - Reunited in 1990 with the fall of the SU
 - Like the US today- federal republic- shared powers
 - Elected President is only a symbol; chancellor (appointed by Parliament) makes the decisions

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- Germany's People

- 82.5 people- largest population in Europe- 90% urban

- Berlin- government and cultural capital

- _____

- 90% of Germans are native- the rest are mostly from Eastern Europe and Turkey

- Mostly Protestant or Catholic

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- The Economy
 - Global leader
 - Agriculture- surplus
 - Industry- steel, chemicals, cars, electrical equipment
 - Invested into research- has paid off
 - The challenge of reunification
 - East was less trained and less equipped than the west
 - East still _____

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- The Alpine Countries

- _____ (only 62 square miles- smaller than DC- population 40,000

- Swiss- “gatekeepers” - travel routes through Alps go the Switzerland

- Neutrality- _____
 - Stable democratic gov’t despite surrounding wars
 - Geneva- _____
 - Each city is unique bc of mtns
 - Many ethnic groups- languages: German, French, Italian, Romansch
 - Hydroelectric power, electrical equipment, clocks, cheese, chocolate, knife, banks

Germany and the Alpine Countries

– Austria

- Tourism- skiing
- Timber, iron ore, hydroelectric power
- Produce machinery, chemicals, metals, and vehicles
- Banking and insurance
- Speak German, are Roman Catholic
- 1/5 of Austrians live in _____ - capital on Danube
 - Mozart and other composers