

Germany

German National Anthem
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfYWfU_AKQk

General Facts:

- Population: 82 million people
- People there are called: Germans
- Divided into 16 states
- Capital city: Berlin
- Language: German (but several dialects)
- 137,846 sq miles (roughly size of Montana)
- National Day: Unity Day Oct. 3 (since 1990)

Economy

- 2nd biggest exporter in the world
- \$1,547 trillion in 2013
 - Compare to \$1.497 trillion in US in 2013

Economy

- Member of the EU since 1957
- Traditionally used the mark, but today the Euro
- 1 of 3 largest powers in European Union
 - Germany, France, UK

Economy



Economy

- Few natural resources
- Exports of:
 - Vehicles
 - Machinery
 - Computers/electronics
- Main trade partners: France, US, Netherlands

Government

- President: Joachim Gauck
- Capital city: Berlin (3.5 million people)
- “Federal republic” form of gov’t
 - Much like the USA

- Black: Determination
- Red: Bravery & Strength
- Gold: Generosity



Germany – Central Europe



Geography

- Alps Mtns in the south
- North Sea to the northwest
- Baltic Sea to the north



Break it down...

**consists of
16 states**

• **biggest cities:**

- 1. Berlin, 3,4 Mill
- 2. Hamburg, 1,8 Mill
- 3. Munich, 1,3 Mill
- 4. Cologne, 980.000
- 5. Frankfurt a.M. 650.000





Religion

- Protestants in North and Central Germany
- Catholics in the South
- Over 1/4 of population is atheist

General History Overview

- “Germanic” tribes – named by Julius Caesar of Rome
- Not united under one ruler
- Descended of Scandinavian people

General History Overview

Some of the small tribes:

Visigoths
Vandals
Franks
Saxons

Hunters & herdsmen
Fierce warriors

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- Rome wanted to expand into German territory
- Viewed Germanic tribes as barbarians

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Germanic tribes did some trading on the border

- Over time Germans invaded regions of Roman Empire

Rome at height of power – 117 CE



“Fall” of Rome

- After a long decline in power
 - Repeated beatings by the Huns (Attila, 444-453 BCE)
- 476 CE Odoacer, Germanic Chief, deposed last emperor of Rome
 - Romulus
