

## HANDOUT 1.2 B - THE GERMANY GAME INFORMATION CHART

### The Germany Game (Political)

Name	Year Chartered or Founded	Population	State/ Political Function	3 Facts
Aachen	1250	256,605	North Rhine-Westphalia	Royal residence of Charlemagne Aachen Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site) Known for Gingerbread
Arnsberg	1238	76,985	North Rhine-Westphalia	Medieval City Located on Ruhr River Spa-town
Baden-Baden	1112	53,938	Baden-Württemberg	Situated on the Oos River in the Black Forest Famous Spa town (stemming from Roman baths) Asylum for refugees of the French Revolution
Baltrum	1398	493	Lower Saxony	Tourism, beach, sand dunes Located in Wadden Sea National Park Smallest of the East Frisian Islands
Bamberg	902	70,081	Bavaria	First book published in German The Bamberg Horseman (Bamberger Reiter) UNESCO World Heritage Site
Bayreuth	1194	74,818	Bavaria	Richard Wagner (lived and buried in Bayreuth) Wagner Festival Festspielhaus (Festival Theatre)
Berlin	1244	3,395,189	Berlin (capital of the state and of the federal country)	Brandenburg Gate Berlin Bear Berlin Wall
Bingen	77 BC	24,739	Rhineland-Palatinate	Hildegard von Bingen Roman ruins Mouse Tower

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Bonn	12 BC	306,016	North Rhine-Westphalia	Birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven Haribo (produces the famous Gummi Bears) Former capital of West Germany
Braunschweig	861	245,706	Lower Saxony	Chartered by Henry the Lion (Heinrich der Löwe) Medieval city Heavily bombed in WW II
Bremen	787	547,934	Bremen (capital of the city state of Bremen)	Bremen Town Musicians Hanseatic city German Port City
Bremerhaven	1827	118,276	Bremen	Major port city Port of German emigration Damaged in WWII
Chemnitz	1143	249,922	Saxony	Formerly Karl-Marx-Stadt Situated on the Chemnitz River Technical University Chemnitz
Cottbus	1156	107,549	Brandenburg	“Capital” of the Sorbian country Spremberg Tower Brandenburg Technical University
Dessau	1213	77,394	Saxony-Anhalt	Home of the Bauhaus school Located on the Mulde River Birthplace of philosopher Moses Mendelssohn
Dusseldorf (Düsseldorf)	1288	1,222,406	North Rhine-Westphalia (Capital)	Advertising industry, fashion city Famous for its special kind of beer, the Altbier Birthplace of poet Heinrich Heine
Dresden	1216	495,181	Saxony (Capital)	Frauenkirche (Baroque Church of our Lady) Heavily bombed during WW II August I and August II
Eisenach	1150	44,081	Thuringia	Birthplace of composer Johann Sebastian Bach Wartburg Castle (where Martin Luther began translation of the Bible) St. Nicholas Church

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Emden	800	51,445	Lower Saxony	Late Gothic Great Church Birthplace of famous German comedian Otto Walkes Sea port
Eisleben (Lutherstadt Eisleben)	1180	21,355	Saxony-Anhalt	Situated in the foothills of the Harz Mountains Birth and death place of Martin Luther Former mining town
Erfurt	742	201,645	Thuringia (Capital)	University of Erfurt Erfurt Cathedral Krämer bridge (Krämerbrücke)
Essen	852	589,499	North Rhine-Westphalia	City of Industry Krupp Works Located in Ruhr Area
Flensburg	1284	85,3000	Schleswig-Holstein	German Naval Base Flensburg Brewery Near Danish border
Frankfurt am Main	794	643,726	Hesse	European Central Bank Frankfurt Book Fair Birthplace of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Frankfurt an der Oder	1253	67,014	Brandenburg	City of Heinrich von Kleist Border city with Poland Member of the Hanseatic League (1368)
Freiburg	1120	212,495	Baden-Württemberg	Cuckoo clocks (Black Forest Region) Major wine growing region Unusual system of gutters running through the city center (Bächle)
Garmisch-Partenkirchen	Chartered in 1935	26,117	Bavaria	Health and Winter sports resort 1936 Winter Olympics Lies at the foot of the Zugspitze
Görlitz	1303	55,957	Saxony	Rich architectural heritage Spared during WWII bombing City of Culture

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Goslar	922	43,727	Lower Saxony	Rammelsberg Mine UNESCO World Heritage Site Located in the foothills of the Harz Mountains
Greifswald	1250	52,869	Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	Production of solar modules Ernst Moritz Arndt University Close to the Baltic Sea
Halberstadt	814	39,749	Saxony-Anhalt	Gothic Cathedral (1230) Manufacturing City World's slowest and longest concert
Halle	981	240,119	Saxony-Anhalt	Home of Georg Friedrich Händel (composer) Franckesche Stiftungen (Germany's oldest Foundation) Wunder- and Naturalienkammer (1698)
Hamburg	830	1.7 Million	Hamburg (capital of the city state of Hamburg)	Port city (located on the Elbe River) University of Hamburg Old city of the Hanseatic League
Hanover (Hannover)	1241	516,160	Lower Saxony (Capital)	Lies on Leine River German Industries Fair (Hannover Fair) Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles Transporter Factory (VWN)
Heidelberg	1196	147,312	Baden-Württemberg	Oldest University in Germany (1386) Lies on Neckar River Philosopher's Way (Philosophenweg) Tourism
Hildesheim	815	103,245	Lower Saxony	Half Timber houses St. Michaels Church Manufacturing Base
Ingolstadt	1250	119,528	Bavaria	Lies along Danube and Shutter Rivers Audi Bavarian Army Museum

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Jena	1230	102,634	Thuringia	Lies on Saale River Battle of Jena 1806 City of Philosophy
Karlsruhe	1715	286,327	Baden-Württemberg	Seat of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany (Bundesverfassungsgericht), and seat of the Federal Court of Justice of Germany (Bundesgerichtshof) Lies at the edge of the Black Forest Industrial Harbor
Kassel	1180	194,322	Hesse	Brother Grimm Museum Palace City of Art
Kiel	1242	234,433	Schleswig-Holstein (Capital)	Port city, shipbuilding hub Kiel Week (Kieler Woche), largest annual sailing event in the world Olympic sailing competitions of the 1936 and 1972 summer Olympics
Koblenz	1214	107,608	Rhineland-Palatinate	Junction of Rhine and Moselle Rivers German Corner Monument (Deutsches Eck) (Emperor William I on horseback) Wine growing region
Cologne (Köln)	38 BC	989,766	North Rhine-Westphalia	Cologne Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site) Center of print media and broadcasting Carnival Celebrations
Leipzig	1015	497,531	Saxony	Peaceful Revolution of 1989 Work place of Johann Sebastian Bach Leipzig Fair
Lindau	1275	24,348	Bavaria	Lies on Lake Constance Old Town Hall (1436) Summer Resort and Tourist Center
Ludwigshafen	1606	162,836	Rhineland-Palatinate	Large Chemical Industry Lies on Rhine River Once home to Friedrich Schiller (German poet)

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Lübeck	1143	210,232	Schleswig- Holstein	Home of Thomas Mann (novelist), and Willi Brandt (German Chancellor) Famous for marzipan City of the Hanseatic League
Lüneburg	1247	70,614	Lower Saxony	German Salt Museum (City of Salt) Member of the Hanseatic League Lies on Ilmenau River
Magdeburg	805	229,126	Saxony-Anhalt (Capital)	Lies on Elbe River Magdeburg Cathedral City of Otto the Great (Otto I)
Mainz	1244	185,532	Rhineland-Palatinate (Capital)	Birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg (moveable type printing press) Mainz Cathedral Wine Production
Marburg	1211	78,511	Hesse	Gothic Castle (1277-1493) Germany's 1 <sup>st</sup> protestant university, Philipps University of Marburg (1527) Lower and Upper Cities
Meißen	929	28,640	Saxony	Porcelain (Friedrich Böttger) Lies on Elbe River Albrechts Castle (1471-1485)
Munich (München)	1158	1,247,873	Bavaria (Capital)	Oktoberfest 1972 Summer Olympics University of Munich
Münster	1137	269,579	North Rhine-Westphalia	Bicycle Capital of Germany Peace of Westphalia Westphalian Wilhelm University of Münster
Neubrandenburg	1248	69,157	Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	Well-preserved medieval city wall and city gates Leader in agricultural sciences Destroyed during WWII bombings
Neuruppin	1238	32,800	Brandenburg	Birthplace of Theodore Fontane (German author) and Tatjana Hüfner (2012 Winter Olympic Medalist) Prussian garrison town Lake Ruppiner

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Norderney	1797	5,986	Lower Saxony	East Frisian Island Part of Wadden Sea National Park Beach resort town
Nuremberg (Nürnberg)	1219	493,553	Bavaria	Christmas Market Nazi Party rally grounds Birthplace and home of Albrecht Dürer (painter)
Osnabrück	1171	165,517	Lower Saxony	Lies on Hase River Peace of Westphalia (1648) Birthplace of Erich Maria Remarque (author)
Passau	739	50,683	Bavaria	“City of Three Rivers” Cathedral of St. Stephen (with one of the largest organs in the world) Oberhaus Fortress
Potsdam	1377	144,979	Brandenburg (Capital)	Babelsberg Movie Studios Sanssouci Palace UNESCO World Heritage Site
Regensburg	179	128,604	Bavaria	BMW, Siemens, Toshiba UNESCO World Heritage Site (medieval city center) Cathedral of St. Peter (Boys Choir-Regensburger Domspatzen)
Rostock	1218	198,303	Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	Powerful member of the Hanseatic League (port city) Volkstheater Rostock Ship building city
Saarbrücken	1321	181,860	Saarland (Capital)	Lies on Saar River Coal mining, iron and steel industries University of the Saar
Schwerin	1160	97,694	Mecklenburg-West Pomerania (Capital)	Lies on Schwerin Lake Rail and commercial center for agriculture Gothic Cathedral
Stralsund	1234	59,140	Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	UNESCO World Heritage Site (city center) German Oceanographic Museum Port facilities and shipbuilding yards

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Stuttgart	950	597,176	Baden-Württemberg (Capital)	Mercedes, Porsche Mineral springs Robert Bosch
Trier	15 BC	103,888	Rhineland-Palatinate	Birthplace of Karl Marx University of Trier One of the oldest German cities (Roman ruins)
Ulm	854	119,807	Baden-Württemberg	Lies on Danube River Münster Cathedral (one of the highest steeples in the world) Location of EADS, Intel, Nokia
Weimar	1254	271,995	Thuringia	Work place of Johann Wolfgang Goethe (German writer and poet) Friedrich Schiller (writer and poet), Johann Sebastian Bach (composer), Franz Liszt (composer), Johann Gottfried von Herder (philosopher and theologian) Birthplace of the Bauhaus School Buchenwald Concentration Camp Memorial Site
Wiesbaden	1241	276,000	Hesse (Capital)	Sits on Rhine River Wine center famous for Sekt (German champagne) Hot saline springs (spa town)
Wittenberg (Lutherstadt Wittenberg)	1293	46,295	Saxony-Anhalt	All Saints Church (Martin Luther-95 Theses) Center for Reformation UNESCO World Heritage Site
Wolfsburg	1132	122,724	Lower Saxony	Volkswagen headquarters and plant Volkswagen theme park Industrial community



## The Germany Game (Physical)

### Rivers

Name	Source	Length within Germany	Location	Characteristics
Elbe	Flows from Czech Republic to the North Sea	727 km	Central	Flows northwest Difficult river for shipping Splits into 2 branches above Hamburg, then rejoins 1,165km total length
Main	Flows from near Kulmbach to Rhine river above Mainz	524 km	West	East tributary to the Rhine Wine growing region Forms part of the Main-Danube Canal 524 km total length
Moselle (Mosel)	Flows from France to Koblenz (Rhine River)	242 km	West	West tributary to the Rhine Flows through France and Germany Navigable for large cargo ships 545 km total length
Oder	Flows from Czech Republic to the Baltic Sea	179 km	East	Boundary between Germany and Poland International waterway Lower Oder Valley National Park 854 km total length
Rhine (Rhein)	Flows from the Alps in Switzerland to the North Sea	865 km	West	Die Lorelei Myth Wine growing region Important waterway 1230 km total length
Danube (Donau)	Flows from the Black Forest to the Black Sea	647 km	South	Second longest river in Europe Passes through 9 countries Danube Bike Trail 2,850 km total length
Weser	Flows from the head-streams of Fulda and Werra rivers to the North Sea	744 km	Central	Lies entirely in Germany Navigable for large ships Largely canalized 440 km total length

### Seas / Lakes

Name	Location	Characteristics
North Sea ( Nordsee)	Northwest	Connected to Atlantic Ocean by Strait of Dover One of Europe's most productive fisheries Wadden Sea
Baltic Sea (Ostsee)	Northeast	Largest expanse of brackish water in the world Economic core of Hanseatic League Arm of the north Atlantic Ocean
Lake Constanz (Bodensee)	Southwest	Forms part of the course of the Rhine river Popular resort area Bordering Switzerland, Germany and Austria
Lake Müritz	Northeast	Largest lake in Germany Tourist destination Fishing
Mecklenburg Lake District (Mecklenburgische Seenplatte)	Northeast	Largest lake and canal region in Germany "Land of 1000 Lakes" Formed 12,000 years ago
Wadden Sea (Wattenmeer)	North	World Natural Heritage Site Intertidal zone within North Sea Frisian Islands

### Mountains / Forests / Regions

Name	Highest Peak	Location	Characteristics
Bavarian Alps (Bayerische Alpen)	Zugspitze (2,962m)	South	Zugspitze is the highest mountain of Germany Northeast segment of Central Alps along German and Austria border Tourism and winter sport area
Bavarian Forest (Bayerische Wald)	Grosser Arber (1,456m)	Southeast	The highlands between the Danube River Valley and Bohemian Forest National Park East-Central Bavaria
Eifel	Hohe Acht (747m)	West	Plateau region of Western Germany Between Rhine and Moselle Rivers Eifel National Park
Ore Mountains (Erzgebirge)	Fichtelberg (1,214m)	East	Follows German and Czech border Mineral wealth Wooden nutcrackers and Christmas decorations

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Harz Mountains (Harz)	Brocken (1,142m)	Central	Most northerly mountain range in Germany Between Weser and Elbe rivers Legend of Walpurgis Night (Brocken)
Lunenburg Heath (Lüneburger Heide)	Wilseder Hill (169m)	North	Between Aller and Elbe rivers Famous for areas of megaliths Hiking destination
Rhön Mountains (Rhön)	Wasserkuppe (950m)	Central	Formed by volcanic activity Hiking destination Tourism
Swabian Alps (Schwäbische Alb)	Lemberg (1,015m)	Southwest	Continuation of the Jura mountains Extends from the Black Forest to Wörnitz river Limestone
Black Forest (Schwarzwald)	Feldberg (1,493m)	Southwest	Source of Danube and Neckar rivers Mountain region in southwest Germany Manufacture of clocks and musical instruments
Spree Forest (Spreewald)	-	East	Source of the Spree river Network of manmade canals Cultivated (gardening) area
Teutoburg Forest (Teutoburger Wald)	Velmerstot (468m)	West	Battle of Teutoburg Forest Limestone and sandstone Resort destination

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