Chapter 15 Section 1 Study Guide: Germany

Objective: Understand how Germany’s history and physical geography affects its political and economic future today (TN SS 5.2)

1. Originally a series of smaller kingdoms and principalities, Germany became a single united power when Prussia and other states merged in the year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to create the German Empire.

2. Germany developed a series of alliances with other European countries that led to the start of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

where Germany had to fight on both its Eastern and Western Fronts.

3. Germany reached its peak geographic size during World War II while controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
but eventually lost the war to Great Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union.

4. After World War II, Germany was divided into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ halves and the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was also additionally divided. This was to prevent Germany from re-starting a war again after WWI and WWII.

5. Although Germany re-unified into one country in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, people who live in Eastern Germany are still called

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and some East Germans would still prefer to live under the old \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system

due to the high levels of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that still persist in Eastern Germany.

6. Germany’s economy is the 4th-largest in the world in terms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Germany’s unemployment rate is lower than much of the rest of Europe due to its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system that helps train workers for jobs from a young age.

8. Much of the recent increase in Germany’s population comes from immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sketch Map (may work on this throughout the lecture): Draw a sketch map of Germany, labeling major cities and rivers as well as Germany’s neighbors . You can find several maps in your book, but the most helpful may be on p. 327

Guided Reading Questions pp. 332-333 “Cities and Settlements: Berlin”
1. What is the main idea of this passage?

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2. What specific pieces of evidence does this passage use to show how modern Berlin has returned to prominence as one of the great cities of the world?

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3. What specific historical factors caused Berlin to rise in the first place into a world capital and then decline later on?

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p. 334 “Germany’s Aging Population” Respond to Questions #1 and 2 in the book here as well as additional questions

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#2 (from book p. 334): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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