

Geography Notes

1. Germany
 - a. Berlin = Capital
 - b. Bonn = [Ludwig Van Beethoven's](#) birthplace
 - c. Munich known for Oktoberfest
 - d. Hamburg known for Beatles
 - e. 85 million people, largest in Europe
 - f. Highly urbanized
 - g. Ruhr Valley-mining for Coal
 - h. Essen-Industrial
 - i. $\frac{1}{5}$ no religion, rest split between Catholic and Protestant
2. Belgium
 - a. Brussels = Capital
 - b. 11 Million people
 - c. $\frac{1}{3}$ are non religious
 - d. 3 official languages (Dutch, French, German)
 - e. Invented Fries
3. Netherlands
 - a. Capital = Amsterdam
 - b. The Hague = Administrative center
 - c. Rotterdam = Major Port
 - d. Holland = geographical region in the Netherlands
 - e. Speak Dutch
 - f. Natural Gas, rely on imports for rest
4. Luxembourg
 - a. Capital = Luxembourg
 - b. Speak Luxembourgish, French and German
 - c. Natural Resources = steel
 - d. Smallest European country that is not microstate or island
 - e. 87% Catholic
5. Austria
 - a. Capital = Vienna
 - b. ~ 9 Million People
 - c. 62% covered by Alps
 - d. Natural Resource = Magnesium Carbonate
 - e. Speak German
 - f. 65% Catholic
6. Switzerland
 - a. Capital = Bern

- b. Geneva = United Nations Capital/Headquarters
- c. $\frac{1}{3}$ are no religion, 35% Catholic
- d. Natural Resource = Water
- e. Known for Chocolate