

Germany vs. Italy

SS6G10(b) The student will compare how location, climate, natural resources, and population distribution of the Germany and Italy affects where people live and how they trade.

Germany

About **3.5 million people** live in the capital city of **Berlin**. It is **located in northeastern Germany**.



Italy

Italy attracts millions of tourists every year because of its spectacular scenery, beautiful weather, and fascinating history and culture.

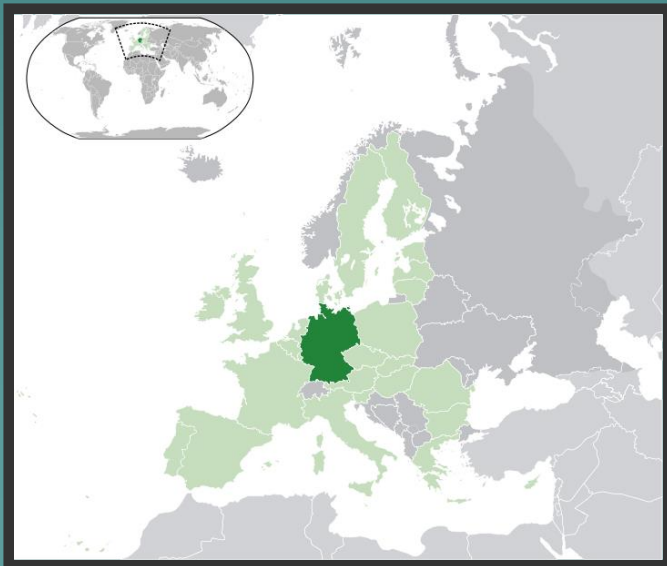
Rome in central-western Italy is the capital. **Over 2.7 million people** live in Rome.



Location

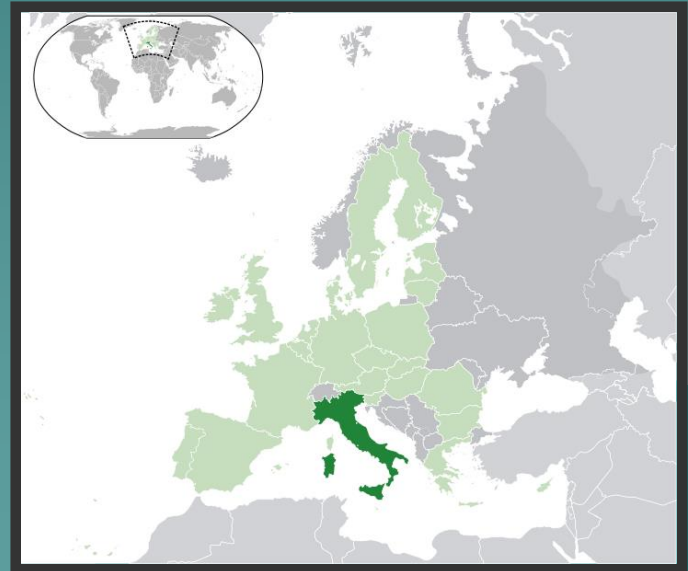
Germany

Germany is located in **Western and Central Europe**.



Italy

Italy is located in **Southern Europe** and comprises the **boot-shaped Italian Peninsula** and **a number of islands** including the two largest, Sicily and Sardinia.



Climate

Germany

Germany has a moderate climate with warm, mild summers and cool winters. Extreme weather conditions do not occur very often.



Spring in Germany

Italy

The climate in Italy is moderate with generally cool winters, colder in the mountain regions, and warm summers.

Mountains cover about 70 percent of the country.



Summer in Italy

Farmland

Germany

The mild climate is good for Germany's agriculture industry, which uses about half of Germany's land.

Germany produces many crops.



Italy

Grapes, Italy's most valuable crop, are often grown along mountainsides. Italian grapes have made Italy the largest wine producer in the world. Northern Italy produces the best grapes.



Rich soil and plenty of water make northern Italy the "breadbasket", or wheat growing area.

Natural Resources

Germany

Enormous deposits of **coal** and **iron ore** found in the Ruhr region fuel a huge manufacturing industry known for steel production, automobiles, building materials, and many other items.



Italy

Italy has few mineral resources, and has to import most of its raw materials for industry.



Economics

Germany

It is a very prosperous nation, with one of the largest populations in Europe and the strongest economy.

Manufacturing drives the economy; steel production, automobiles, building materials, and many others.



Italy

Tourism is the country's most important industry.



Where people live

Germany

Most Germans live in the cities and towns of **western Germany**. The **Ruhr Valley** is the most densely populated area in Germany.



Italy

About two-thirds of Italians live in the northern part of the country, home to most of Italy's industry and agriculture.

