Victoria - Handout

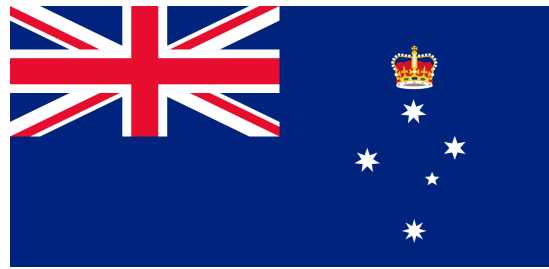*Flag of Victoria*

General Information:
- Victoria is located in the south-eastern part of Australia
- Melbourne is the largest city and the capital of Victoria
- 70% of the Victorians live in Melbourne

Geography:
- Murray-Darling Basin
- Great Dividing Range
- Great Ocean Road
  - Twelve Apostles

Climate:
- varied climate
- winter sports in the Victorian/Australian Alps
- heavy rainfall along the Great Dividing Range
- wettest Australian state after Tasmania

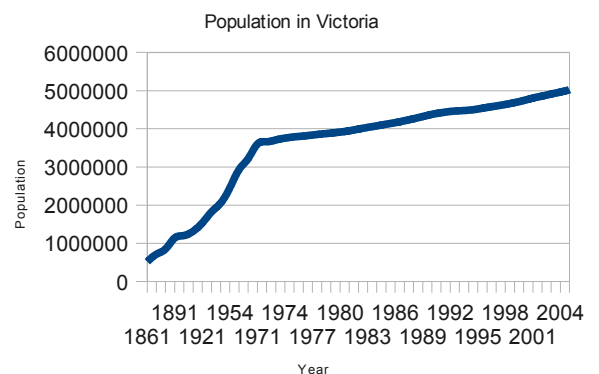*Coat of arms of Victoria*

Economy:
- the gold rush led Victoria to the second largest economy in Australia
- Victoria represents 25% of Australia's economy
- a lot of agriculture situated in southern Victoria

History:
- Aborigines lived in the area of Victoria 40000 years ago
- 1835: Melbourne founded by John Batman and John Pascoe Fawke
- 1851: the discovery of gold attracted immigrants from China and Europe
- 1851: Victoria became a colony separate from New South Wales
- 1865: Melbourne overtook Sydney and became Australia's largest city
- 1901: Commonwealth of Australia is founded, Melbourne became the national capital until 1927

Sport:
- Victoria is the center of Australian Rules Football ("Footy")
- the state holds ten of the sixteen clubs of the Australian Football League
- other sports are rugby, basketball, cricket, soccer, motor sports, winter sports and hockey

	Victoria	Australia	Germany
Area	237.629 km² (6th)	7.741.220 km² (6th)	357.114,22 km² (61th)
Population	5.205.200 hab. (2nd)	21.370.000 hab. (53rd)	82.244.000 hab. (14th)
Population density	22,92 hab./km² (2nd)	2,6 hab./km² (224th)	230 hab./km² (35th)

Demographic Comparison
(Victoria's ranking refers to Australia, Australia's & Germany's refers to the world)

Melbourne

General Information:
- with a population of 3.806.092 habitants and a population density of 1566 habitants per square kilometer, Melbourne is the second most populated city after Sydney
- founded on 30th of August 1835 as a small village, Melbourne soon became the biggest city in Australia
- the size and wealth of Melbourne are a result of the Victorian gold rush in the 1950s
- Melbourne is situated around a bay called Port Phillip
- size: 8806 km² (3,7% of Victoria)
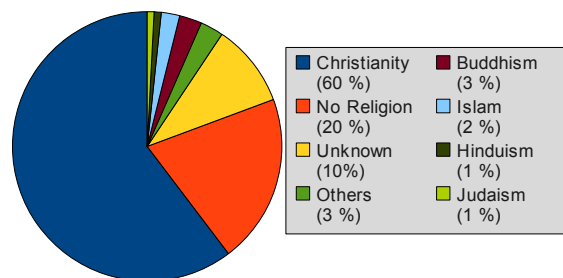
Culture:
- lots of different arts performed in and around Melbourne
- from the performing arts (ballet, music...) up to the visual arts (painting, sculptures...) as well as architecture
- Melbourne was and still is the cultural and financial capital of Australia

Transport:
- Melbourne has the largest tram network in the world!
- even though its tram network is well established, there is still 14 times more car traffic

Economy:
- the economy in Victoria is based mainly in Melbourne
- the economy of Melbourne alone is comparable to that of some smaller Asian countries
- a lot of agriculture as well (24% of Australia's agriculture are in Victoria), 60% of the land is in agricultural use
- Victoria is not only the business center of Australia, it is also the food supplier!
- some of Australia's biggest enterprises are based in Melbourne, such as Foster's Brewing, BHP Billiton, National Australia Bank, but also international enterprises like IBM or Hewlett Packard

Victoria's Religious Affiliation

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