Fachreferat

Die folgenden Themen zeigen eine Auswahl möglicher Themenstellungen für die Fachreferatvarianten Fachvortrag und LDL im Fach Englisch

A) Variante 1 - Fachvortrag

Mass Media/ Politics

1. The run-up to the US presidential election 2004 (or any other election/ political event): a comparison of the news coverage in the New York Times versus a European paper or news channel, e.g. The Times or the BBC

2. News coverage on the election day and election results (any other political event): a comparison of the reports in a British/ European and an American newspaper (or two American papers).

3. A comparison of the concept and structure of a German/ British and an American paper (either quality or tabloid).

4. The Independent and The Sun: a comparison

5. The use of journalese in an American/ British paper.

6. Advertising strategies for a global product: comparing ads and sales promotion in various countries, e.g. McDonald’s, Heinz Ketchup

7. BBC and ITV: a comparison of the two British channels

Education/ Training:

1. A year abroad (alternatives, how to get a grant, experience in a host family ...)

2. Comparing an American and a British High School or College: philosophy, organisation, fees, curricula

3. A public and a private college in Britain/ the United States: a comparison based on their presentation in the Internet

4. Studying abroad: Application and conditions for a university in Britain / the USA

5. A comparison of two exchange respectively Au-pair programmes in Britain or the USA: costs, organisation etc.

6. Attending a Language School: Find yourself a language school in England or Scotland offering (four-week) courses for learners of your age. Compare these two schools, one in England and one in Scotland, in terms of lesson plan, prices and fees, accommodation, social programme and homepage etc. Present the two schools and the two cities where they are located to your class. Tell us which course you would prefer.

7. Working in a summer camp in the USA
   Find out about the history of summer camps in the USA. Explore the wide range of jobs available in summer camps. Choose a summer camp you would like to work at and give details on how to apply.
Environment/ Technology
1. Waste management in Britain/USA and in Germany: a comparison of the recycling systems, quotas, fees
2. London's congestion charge - a model for the future?
3. Organic farming in Europe: A comparison of the market position regarding organic products
4. Renewable energy in Germany, Britain and the USA: A comparison of the most relevant sources in regard to their market position, support provided by the government and future trends

Society/ Economics
1. Immigration and naturalisation: a comparison of the proceedings in the USA and Germany
2. Getting a green card in the USA: procedure, chances, changes after 9/11
3. Measures for the reintegration of native minorities: the Aborigines in Australia / Native Americans in the USA: current strategies and problems
4. The situation of young Blacks in South Africa during Apartheid and nowadays: a comparison
5. Social benefits and legislation for supporting families with children: a comparison of Britain/ Germany/ Australia and the USA
6. Teenage Smoking in Britain and the USA: A comparison of the present situation and preventive measures taken by the government (or comparison to Germany)
7. Drug Prevention/ youth programmes in Berlin/ London/ Sydney compared to New York (work by the Salvation Army or another charity organisation)
8. A comparison of the demographic development in Germany and the US over the next 50 years and its long-term implication for the social network
9. Unemployment support: a comparison of Germany/ America/ Great Britain … (two countries)
10. The current situation on the Fast Food Market: A comparison of McDonald’s and Burger King’s position and strategy
11. The economic situation of New Zealand/ Australia in the 21st century.

Intercultural studies
1. How do the British (Americans) see the Germans? Explore the Internet to find out.
2. British humour versus German humour. What makes us and them laugh?
3. The British monarchy
   Explore the web to find out about the role of the monarchy in contemporary Britain.
Collect pros and cons on the question of whether Britain would be better off without a Queen or King.

4. Bill Bryson back home: the USA seen through the eyes of a returnee

**Locally bound topics:**

1. Local enterprises (one example): Establishing and maintaining business contacts to the US – a comparison of their experiences on the German/US market (BOS Schüler mit Kontakten/Erfahrungen)

2. Army Base Grafenwöhr: The integration of the soldiers stationed there, common leisure organisation with German youth etc.

**Films/novels:**

1. A comparison of the film and the novel: Harry Potter: The protagonists, the setting, the story in … (volume 1/2)

2. Harry Potter

   Explore the web to find out why adults like or dislike the young wizard. Gather information about the author and her success story. (Give a short introduction into the books).

3. John Steinbeck, Of Mice and Men: A comparison of the novel and the film version in regard to the characterisation of the protagonists and the portrayal of the social environment of migrant workers

4. Edgar Allen Poe, The Tell-Tale Heart: A comparison of the short story and the film version in regard to the characterisation of the protagonists, the plot, the intention of the author and the producer (director), and the relevance of the film music

5. Compare the film “Lord of the flies” with the book / or the old and new version of film. Focus on the setting and the protagonists/ the plot.

6. The Simpsons: A typical American family?

**B) Variante 2**

**Lernen Durch Lehren**

1. A project with a native speaker

2. A short story

3. A song

4. Crime in Pop Music: Selection of an appropriate pop group or song(s)

5. How to write a letter of application: introduction – exercises