

die Netkarte:  
**Das Boot**

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The Web is a fantastic source of information and material “auf Deutsch!” However, if you don’t know where to go, or what to do when you get there, you can’t take full advantage of all that the Web has to offer. This “Netkarte” will direct you to specific locations and ask you to complete specific tasks at those locations.

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*Note: All links have been verified current as of 16. April 2001*

1. Log on to your computer and click on the Netscape Communicator icon on your desktop (it looks like a lighthouse). In the “Location” box at the top of your screen, type in the following URL to go to the TC German Home Page.

<http://www.tricounty.esu6.k12.ne.us/german/Welcome.htm>

2. Your primary assignment for this **Net-Karte** is to read about the movie “Das Boot” and about the people and history involved in this movie. Follow this path to take you to the necessary links:
    - A. From the opening page of the TC German Web Site, click on “Cool Links”
    - B. The next screen you see is an index to various link collections at the TC site. Click on “Movies, Radio & TV”
    - C. If you are now at a screen where Homer Simpson is popping up and down, you are at the right spot! Scroll down this page until you get to a collection of links for “Das Boot.” You will use these links to gather information and answer the following questions. → **You should bookmark this page so you can return to it quickly as you work through this Net-Karte.** ←
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1. **Click on “Internet Movie Database” and answer the following questions:**

- A. In what year was this movie made? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Who directed “Das Boot?” \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Who wrote the novel on which the movie is based?  
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- D. According to this site, out of the top 250 movies, where does “Das Boot” rank?  
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- F. "Das Boot" has several official taglines – some in English and some in German. What is one of the English taglines?

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Copy down a German tagline here:

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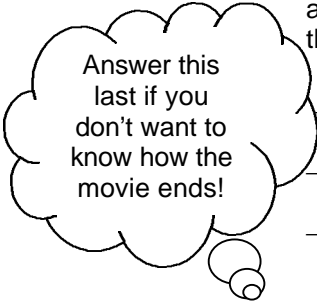
What does the German version mean? Do the two taglines mean the same thing? Find out by going to this machine translation site:

<http://world.altavista.com/>

What does the German tagline mean in English?

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- G. Return to the "Internet Movie Database" site, and browse through the "User Comments" section. Don't forget to "*check for other user comments!*" Using just a couple of sentences, give a general summary of what these viewers think of the movie.



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2. Return to the TC Web page that you bookmarked in #2C on the front page of this activity. Click on "Das Boot: The Unofficial Guide". (You'll notice that this page focuses on "Das Boot: The Director's Cut." The director's cut was the version of "Das Boot" was released several years ago; we will be watching the original version.) After the opening page loads, click on "Submerge."

- A. You are now at the "Prologue" page. Read the text, scrolling down the page until you get to the bottom of the page. Click on "Proceed into U-Boot-96."
- B. You are now on a page labeled "The Story." Tell briefly who the following characters are:

Lieutenant Werner: (played by \_\_\_\_\_ )

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The Captain: (played by \_\_\_\_\_ )

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The Chief Engineer

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Johann

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C. At the bottom of “The Story” page, click on “Site Map.”

D. From the site map, please click on “Introduction.” Answer the following questions:

*Das Boot* was made in 1981. In what year was it released in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_

“*Das Boot*’ became the \_\_\_\_\_ foreign film ever released in the USA. Nominated for \_\_\_\_\_ Academy Awards, ....”

E. Wolfgang Peterson was the director of “Das Boot.” What was his vision for this movie? Copy down the first part of the first sentence of this quote in the space provided:

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ war....”

**Important Note:** If you read this page carefully, you noticed that this movie is referred to as having a powerful “anti-war” message. As you watch the movie, be thinking of how that message is built into the film. In what way(s) do you see this as an “anti-war” movie? Can you support your ideas with specific examples / situations from the movie itself?

3. Return to the TC page you bookmarked in #2C. Click on “Find out more en” and answer the following questions.

A. How old is Wolfgang Petersen? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Name at least five other movies that were popular in the USA that were directed or produced by Wolfgang Petersen.

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4. Return to the TC page you bookmarked in #2C. Now it’s time to find out about Jürgen Prochnow, the actor who portrayed the Captain of the U96. Click on “The One and Only Jürgen Prochnow Web Page.” Browse around this site, and answer the following questions:

A. How old is Jürgen Prochnow now? \_\_\_\_\_

B. How old was he when he starred in “Das Boot?” \_\_\_\_\_

C. Where was he born? \_\_\_\_\_

D. Where does he live? \_\_\_\_\_

E. Name at least two movies that he has been in which you have heard of or seen:

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*Fun Facts to Know & Tell:* Of the movies Jürgen Prochnow has played in, what percentage of the time does he die at some point during the movie?

\_\_\_\_\_ % of the time

5. Since you found out something about Jürgen Prochnow, it's only fair to check out a Herbert Grönemeyer site, too! Return to the TC page you bookmarked in #2C and scroll down until you see a button labeled "More Links." Click on this button. Now you should see a list of link categories. Click on "Music." When you get to the "Music" page, scroll down until you come to the "Herbert Grönemeyer" link. This site is in German, but see if you can find the information you need to answer the following questions:

A. What does Herbert Grönemeyer appear to be best-known for? (i.e. movie star, designer, singer, film music composer, etc.)

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B. When and where was he born?

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6. Return to the TC page you bookmarked in #2C! What about the real U-96?! Click on "U-Boot Net" and then answer the following questions:

A. How many ships did the real U-96 sink? \_\_\_\_\_

B. What happened to the real U-96?

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C. What was Lothar-Günther Buchheim's connection to the real U-96? What was his job on board? What character in the movie is based on Lothar-Günther Buchheim?

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**Please note that you can also find all the answers to the "pre-viewing questions" on the page with the rest of "Das Boot" links! It's a good idea to check to make sure your answers are accurate and complete!**