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large parts of *Halle*’s history are connected with the harvesting of salt
the town is mentioned for the first time in a document of 806
*Halle* became an important hub of transportation and trade
chemical industry became a major industry in the region around *Halle*
*Halle* is the only city in Germany (with more than 200,000 inhabitants) which sustained (nearly) no damage during WW2
nowadays has a population of 230,000
notable residents: Georg Friedrich Händel (composer), Hans-Dietrich Genscher (foreign minister and vice chancellor), etc...
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founded October 18, 1502 \((Wittenberg)\) and July 1, 1694 \((Halle)\)
merged in 1817
nowadays the university is located in \textit{Halle}, while \textit{Wittenberg} holds the \textit{Leucorea Foundation} (the university’s convention centre)
20,000 students; 5,000 staff; thereof 335 professors
notable scholars: \textit{Martin Luther} (protestant reformer), \textit{Georg Cantor} (mathematician; set theory), \textit{Dorothea Erxleben} (first female medical doctor), \textit{Gustav Ludwig Hertz} (Nobel Prize Physics), \textit{Hermann Staudinger} (Nobel Prize Chemistry), \textit{Karl Ziegler} (Nobel Prize Chemistry), etc...
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