

## **Social Studies – Benchmark Review**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks – Units 1 – 2**

1. What is the name of the currency MOST European countries use?
2. Why would European countries benefit from using the same currency (euro)?
3. What type of currency does the United Kingdom use?
4. Who is the head of government in the United Kingdom?
5. Who is the head of state in the United Kingdom?
6. How do they work together?
7. How has the European Union contributed to trade?
8. What are the benefits of the European Union?
9. What does unitary mean?
10. What does a confederation mean?
11. What does federal mean?
12. Describe an autocratic government:
13. Describe an oligarchic government:
14. Describe a democratic government:
15. Which is the most controlling?
16. How are parliamentary and presidential democracies different?
17. What is a cultural barrier?
18. Where do Christians worship?
19. Where do Muslims worship?
20. Where do Jews worship?

21. What is literacy rate?
22. Is the literacy rate of Europe high or low?
23. How do the mountain ranges of Europe affect their climate?
24. Which mountain range is between France and Spain?
25. Which mountain range is between Switzerland and France?
26. Which mountain range separates Russia from the rest of Europe?
27. Which body of water is between the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe?
28. Which countries are in the Iberian Peninsula?
29. Which countries are in the Scandinavian Peninsula?
30. How does the location, climate, and natural resources of the United Kingdom affect where people live and how they trade?
31. Why is the United Kingdoms climate so unusually mild?
32. How does the location, climate, and natural resources of the Russia affect where people live and how they trade?
33. How does the location, climate, and natural resources of the Germany affect where people live and how they trade?
34. How does the location, climate, and natural resources of the Italy affect where people live and how they trade?
35. How are the United Kingdom and Russia different in terms of climate?
36. How are Italy and Germany different in terms of land usage?
37. Why was the European Union created?

38. Describe the following modern European governments:

\*United Kingdom

\*Germany

\*Russia

39. What type of problems does Europe face because of its variety of languages?

40. How does a country's literacy rate affect its standard of living?

41. What are the Romance languages?

42. What is Christianity?

43. What is Judaism?

44. What is Islam?

45. How are they all alike?

46. Which religion is the oldest?

Label the following:

Danube River

Rhine River

English Channel

Mediterranean Sea

European Plain

Alps

Pyrenees

Ural Mountains

Iberian Peninsula

Scandinavian Peninsula

Belgium

France

Germany

Italy

Poland

Russia

Spain

Ukraine

United Kingdom

