

# Geography of Europe



# Essential Question:

**Where are the major physical features and nations of Europe located?**

## Standards:

**SS6G8a.** Locate on a world and regional political- physical map: the Danube River, Rhine River, English Channel, Mediterranean Sea, European Plain, the Alps, Pyrenees, Ural Mountains, Iberian Peninsula, and Scandinavian Peninsula.

**SS6G8b.** Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, and United Kingdom.

# Where is Europe?

[Use Google Earth]



# Satellite View of Europe



# Size Comparison of Europe to the United States



# Activating Strategy

Use the Europe Physical Features and Nations summarizer to activate student's prior knowledge of the physical features and nations located in Europe.

## Europe Physical Features and Nations Summarizer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

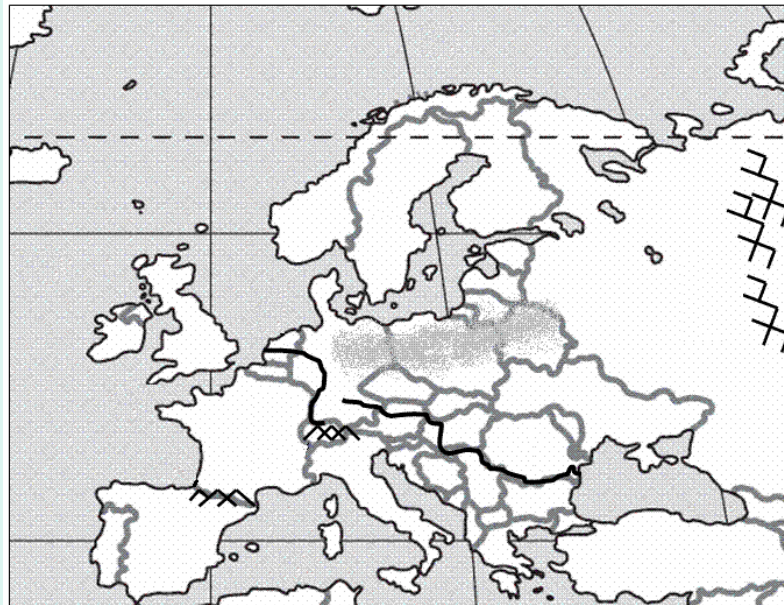
Identify the following physical features and nations on the map below:

### Physical Features

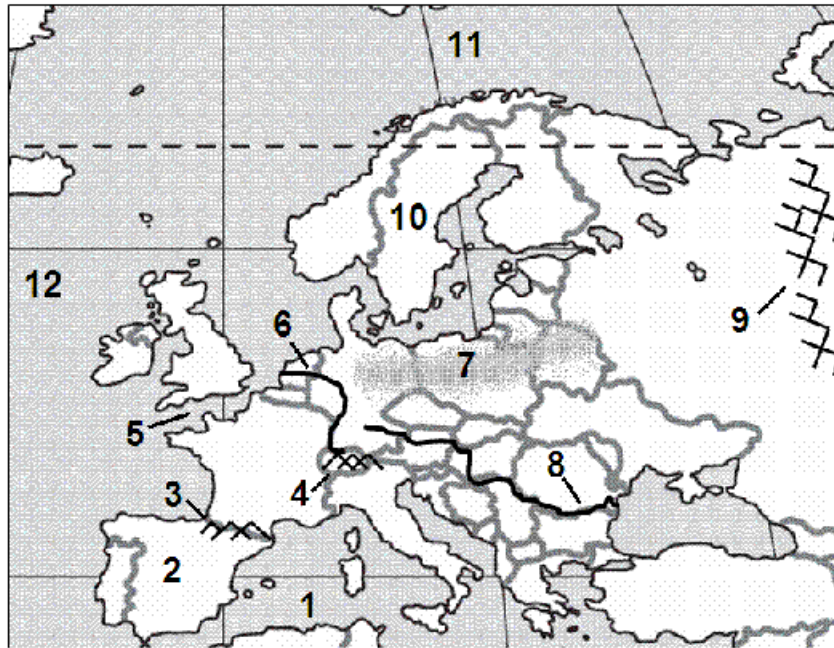
Alps  
Pyrenees  
Rhine River  
Danube River  
European Plain  
English Channel  
Ural Mountains  
Iberian Peninsula  
Mediterranean Sea  
Scandinavian Peninsula

### Nations

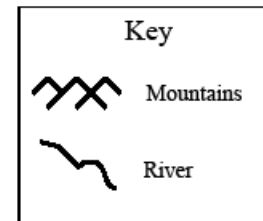
Italy  
Spain  
Russia  
France  
Poland  
Poland  
Belgium  
Ukraine  
Germany  
United Kingdom



# Use the European Physical Features Map



## European Physical Features



___ Atlantic Ocean	___ Arctic Ocean	___ Alps	___ Pyrenees
___ English Channel	___ Mediterranean Sea	___ Ural Mountains	___ Iberian Peninsula
___ Rhine River	___ Danube River	___ European Plain	___ Scandinavian Peninsula

What do you notice is different about the physical features of Europe on your map?





# Mediterranean Sea

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*Atlantic  
Ocean*

EUROPE

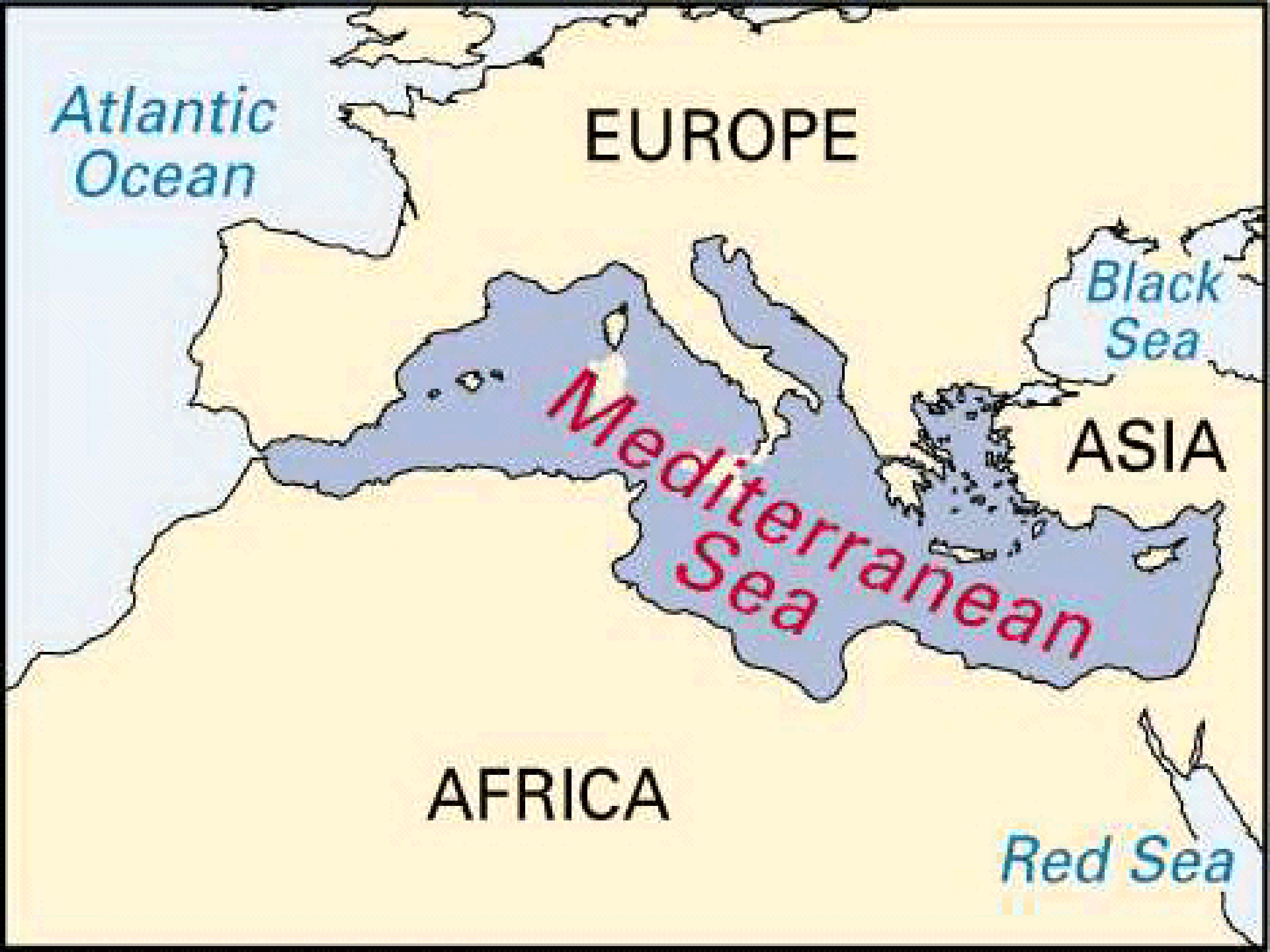
*Black  
Sea*

ASIA

*Mediterranean  
Sea*

AFRICA

*Red Sea*



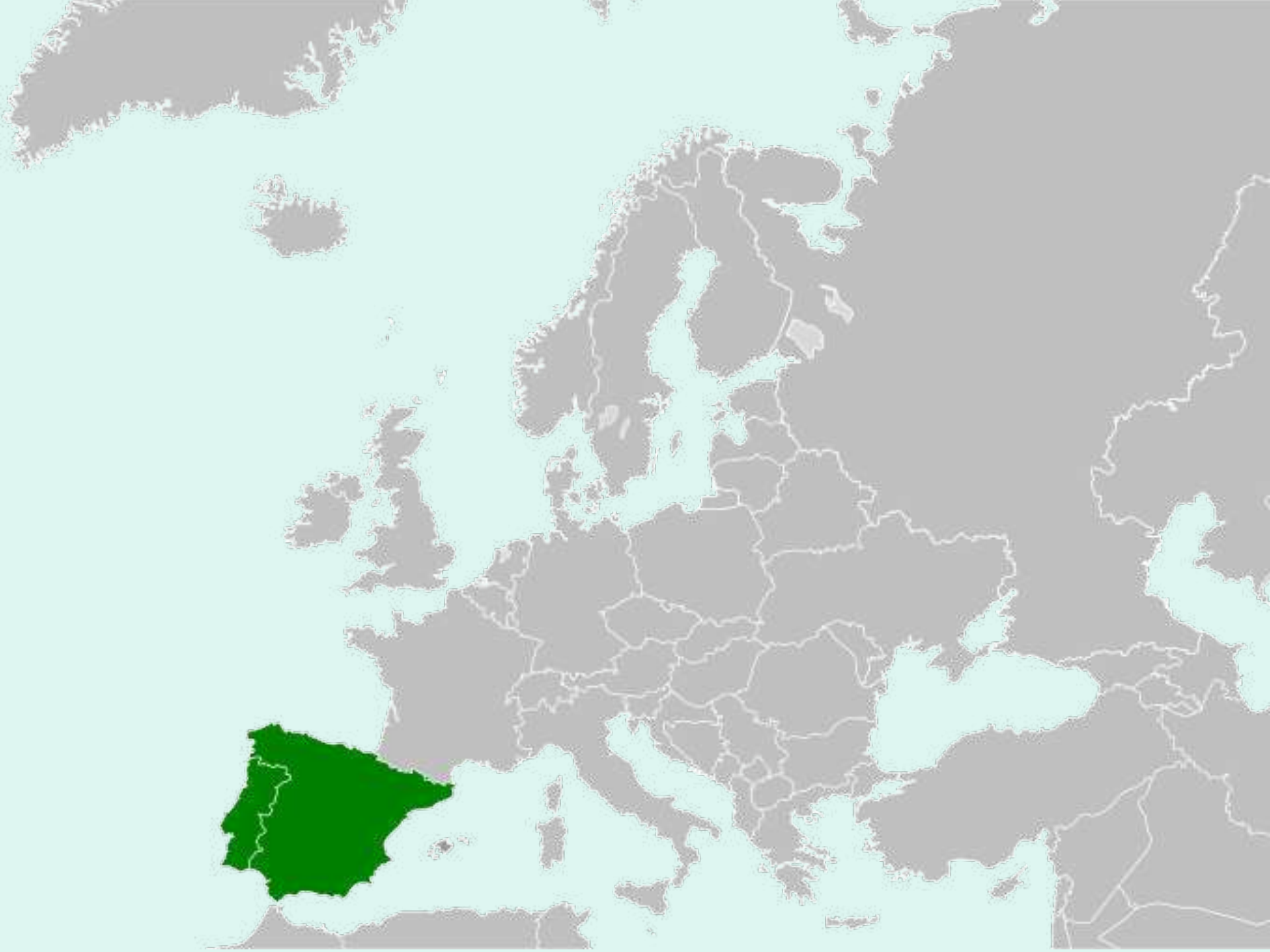




# Iberian Peninsula

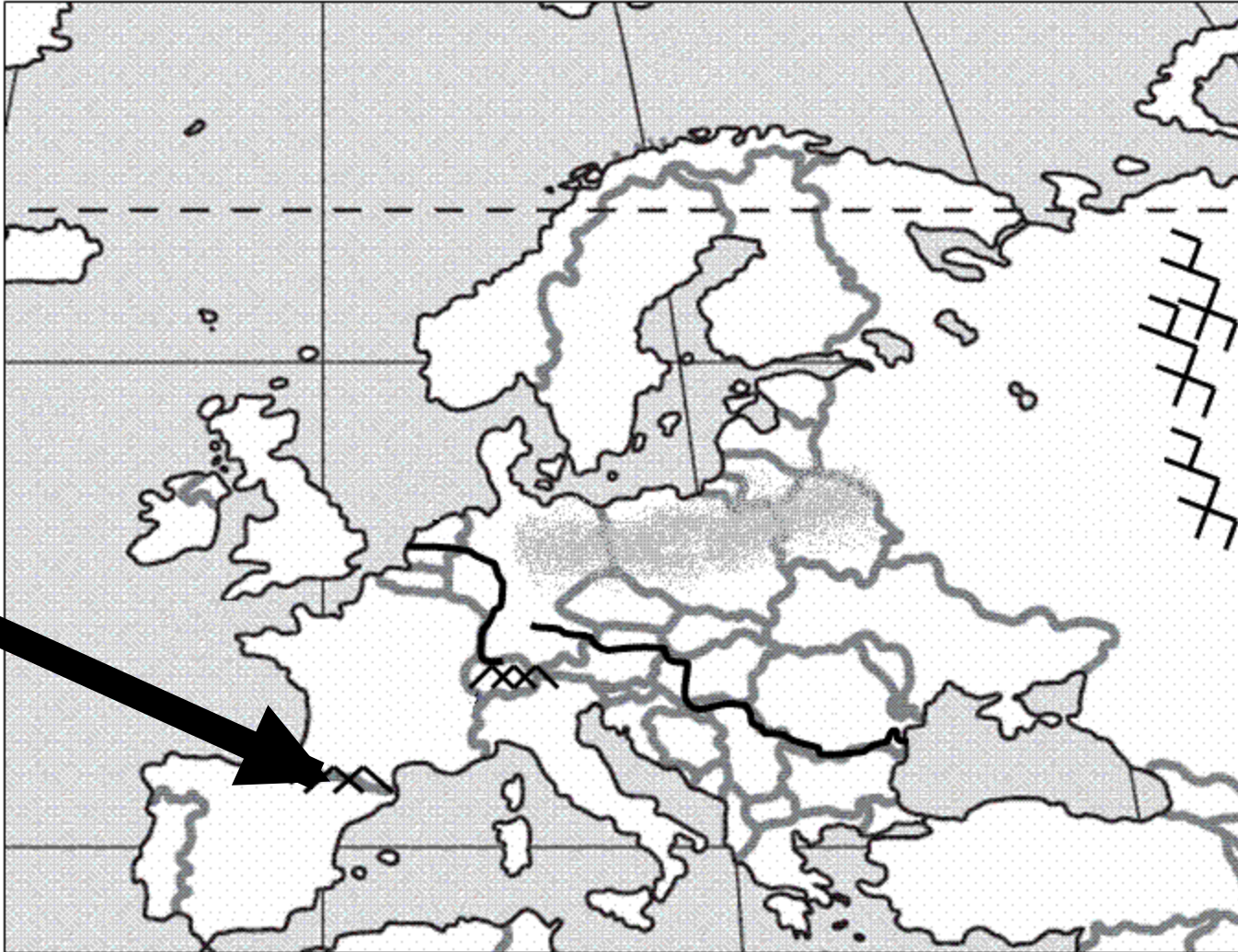
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# Pyrenees [Mountains]

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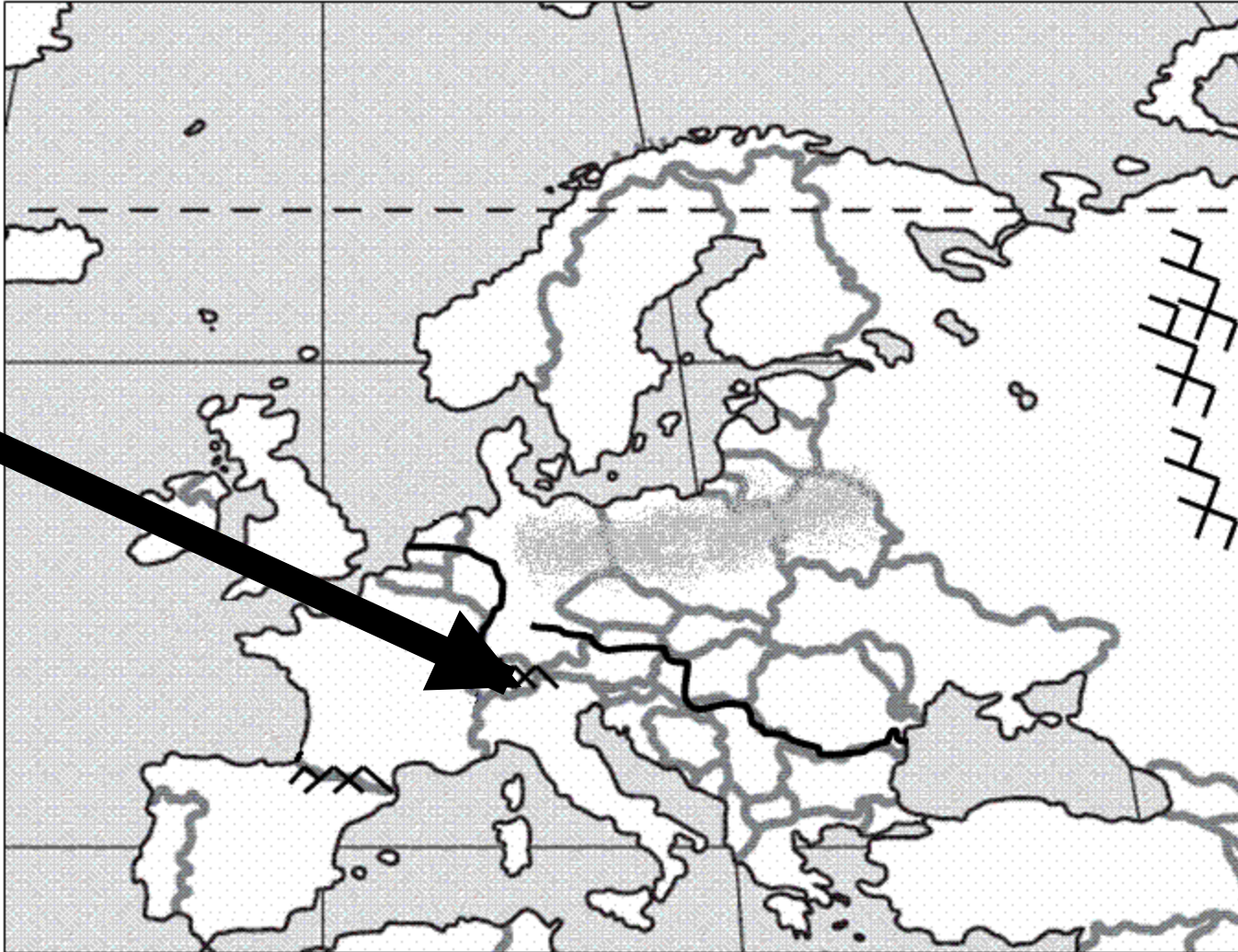






# Alps [Mountains]

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# Mt. Blanc in the Alps

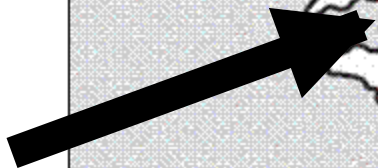


It's the highest mountain in the Alps: 15,771  
feet



# English Channel

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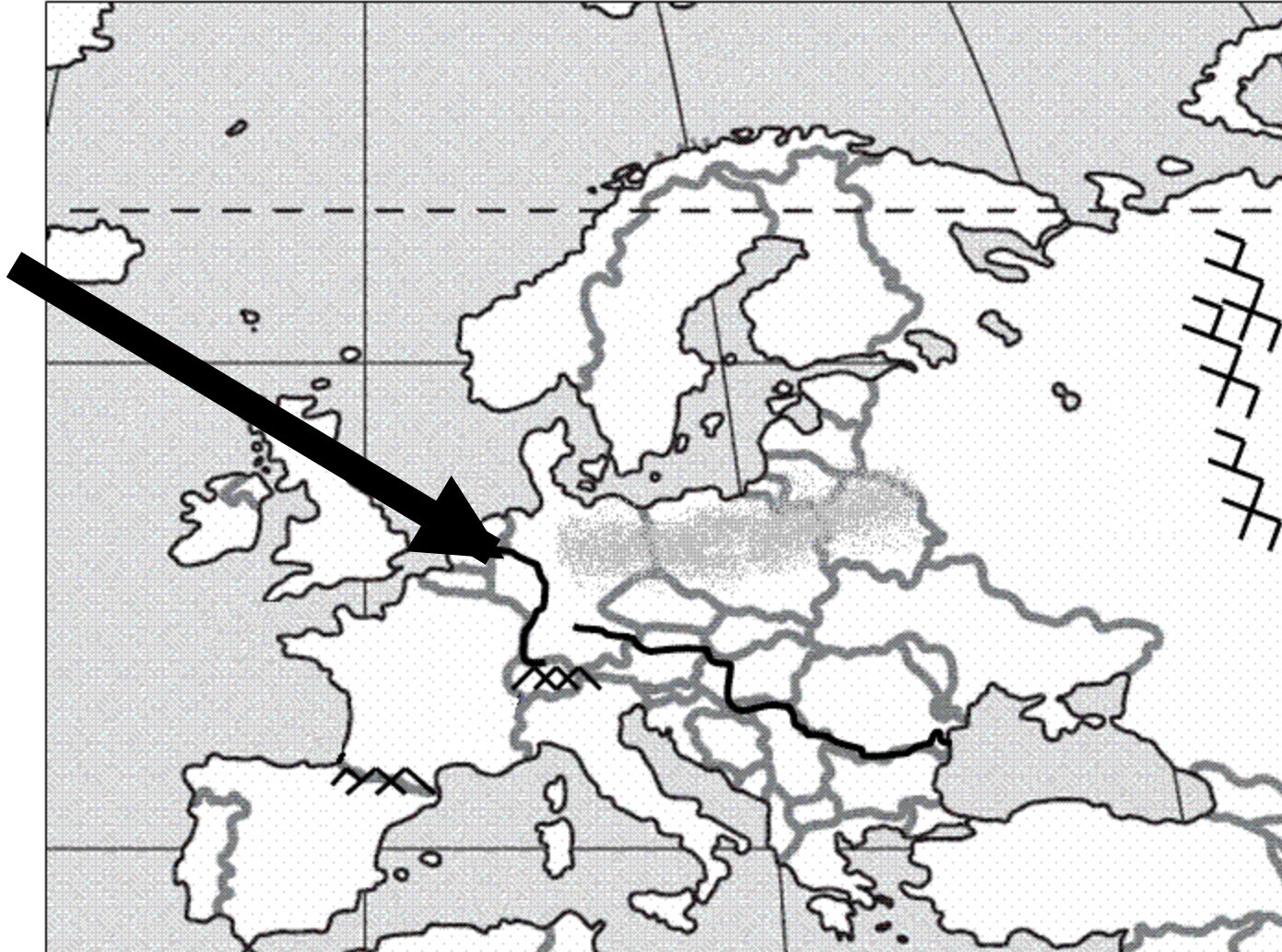






# Rhine River

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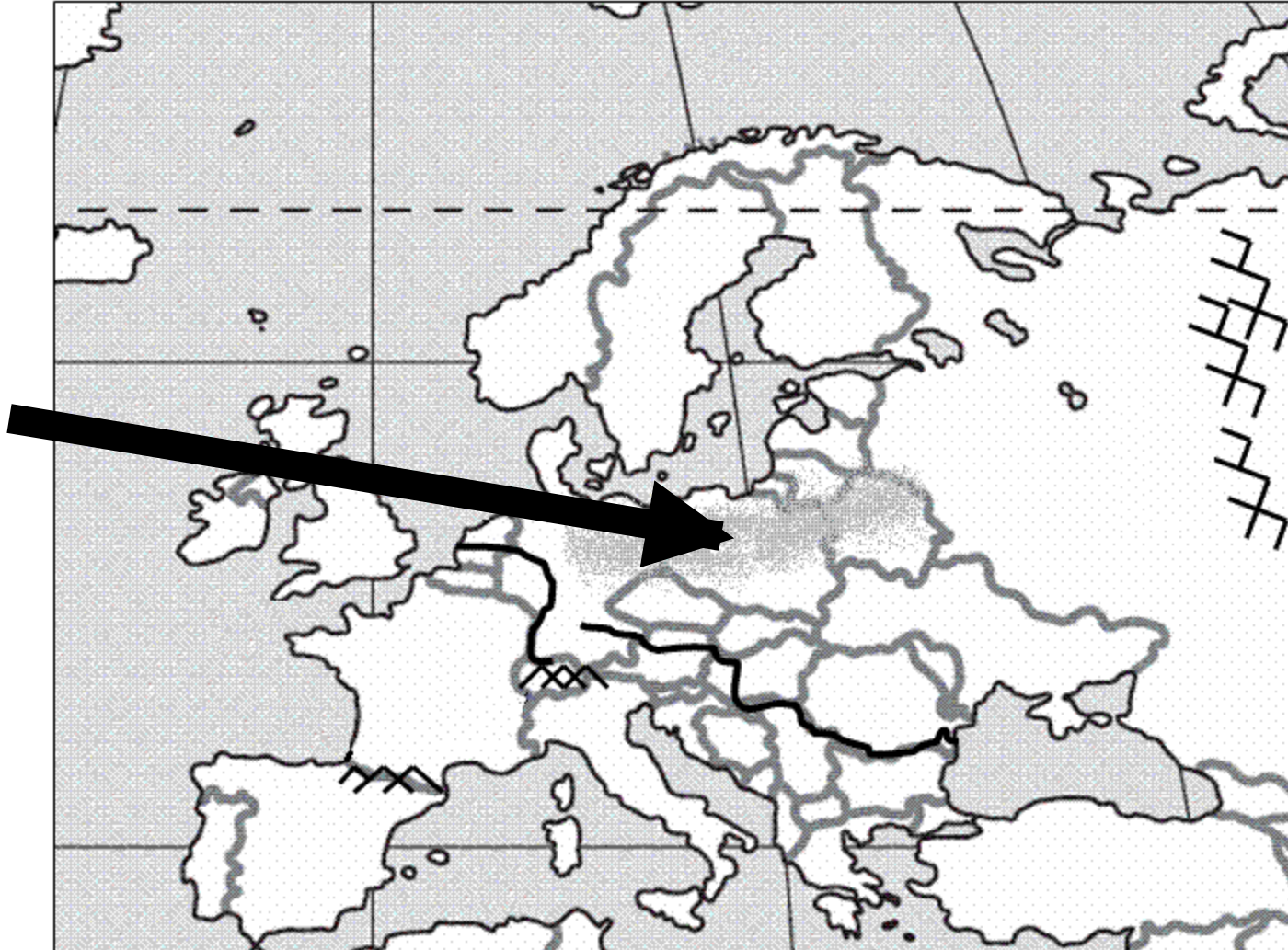






# European Plain

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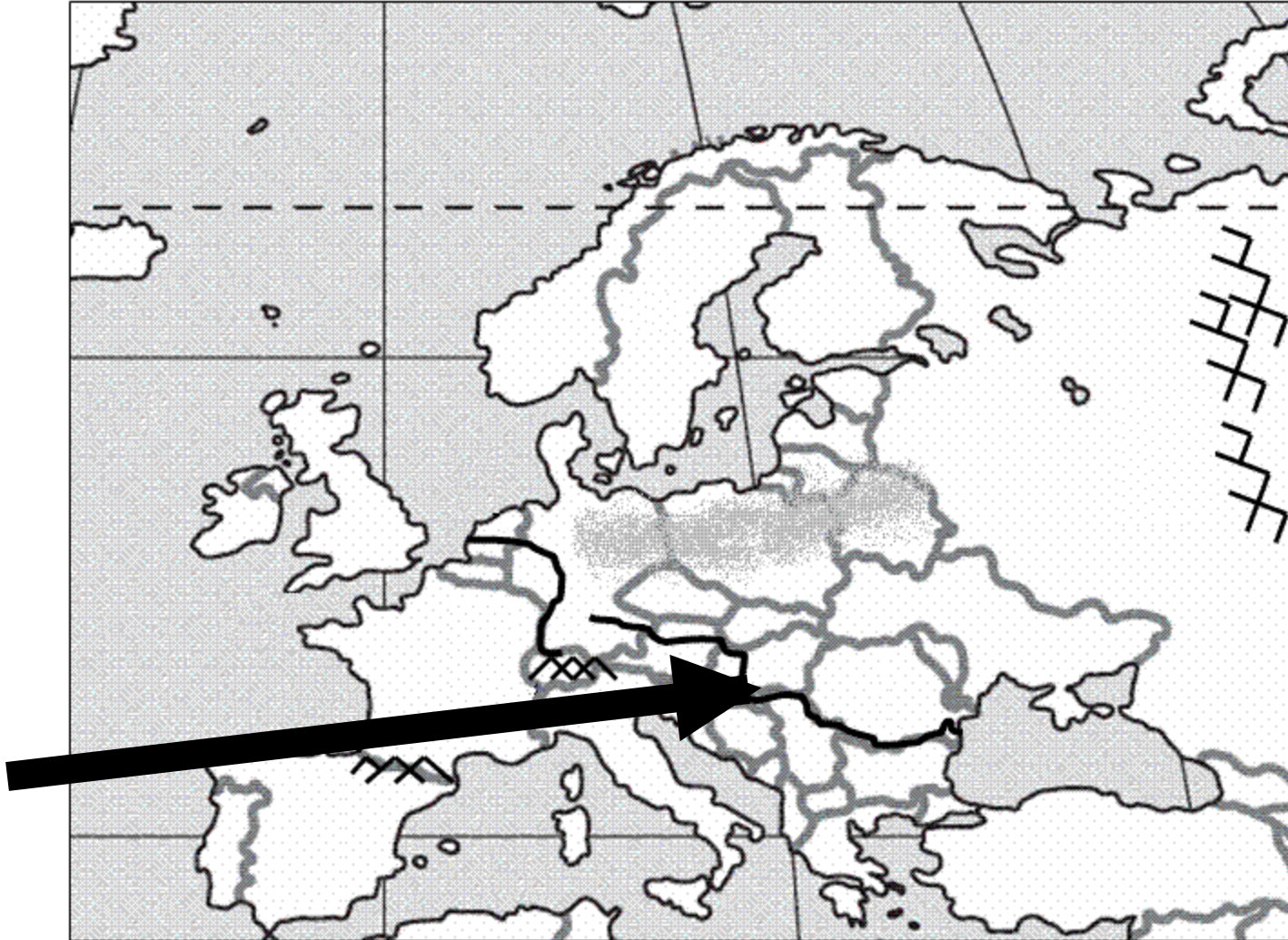


European Plain



# Danube River

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# Ural Mountains

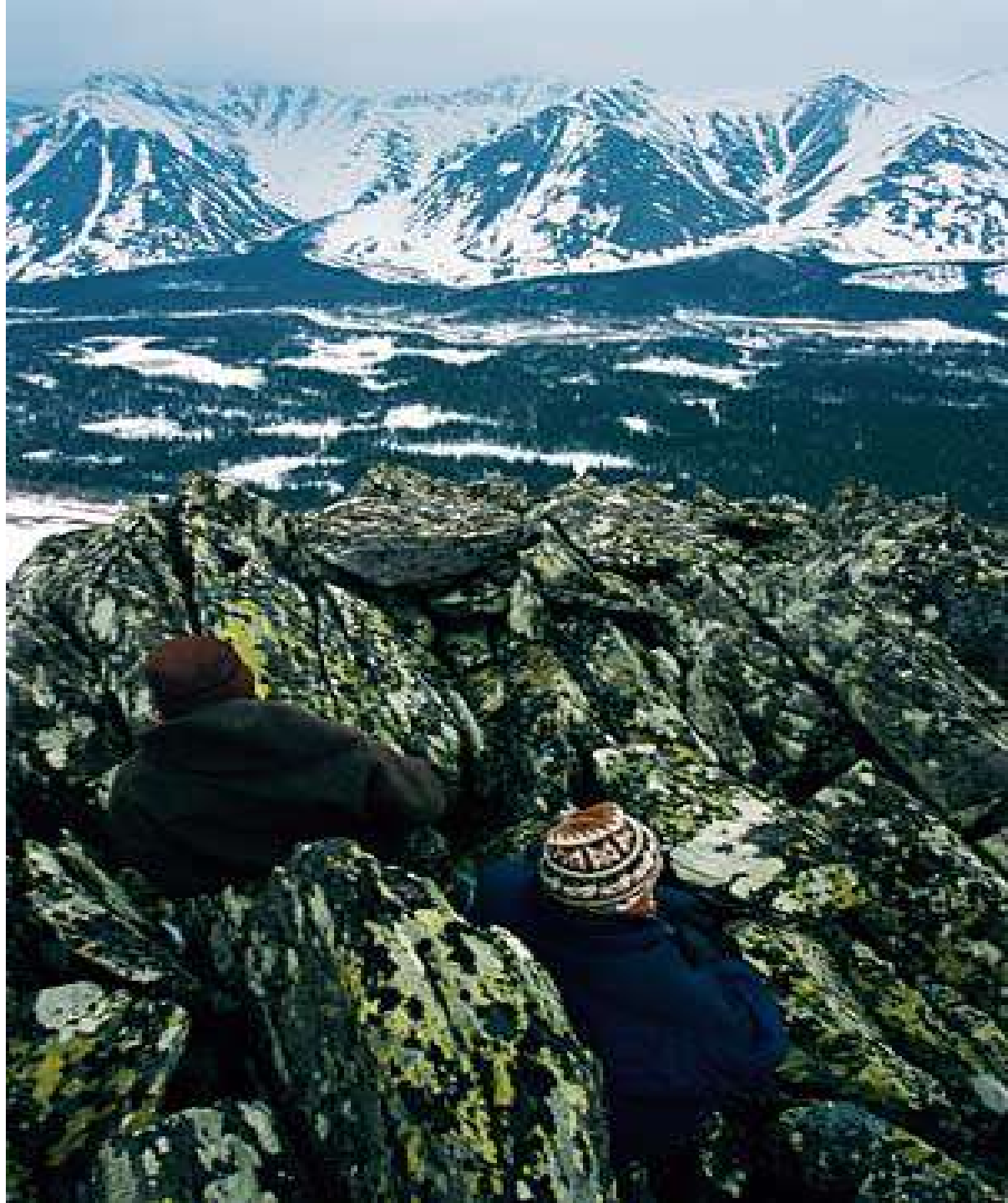


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# Ural Mountains: “The Great Divide”

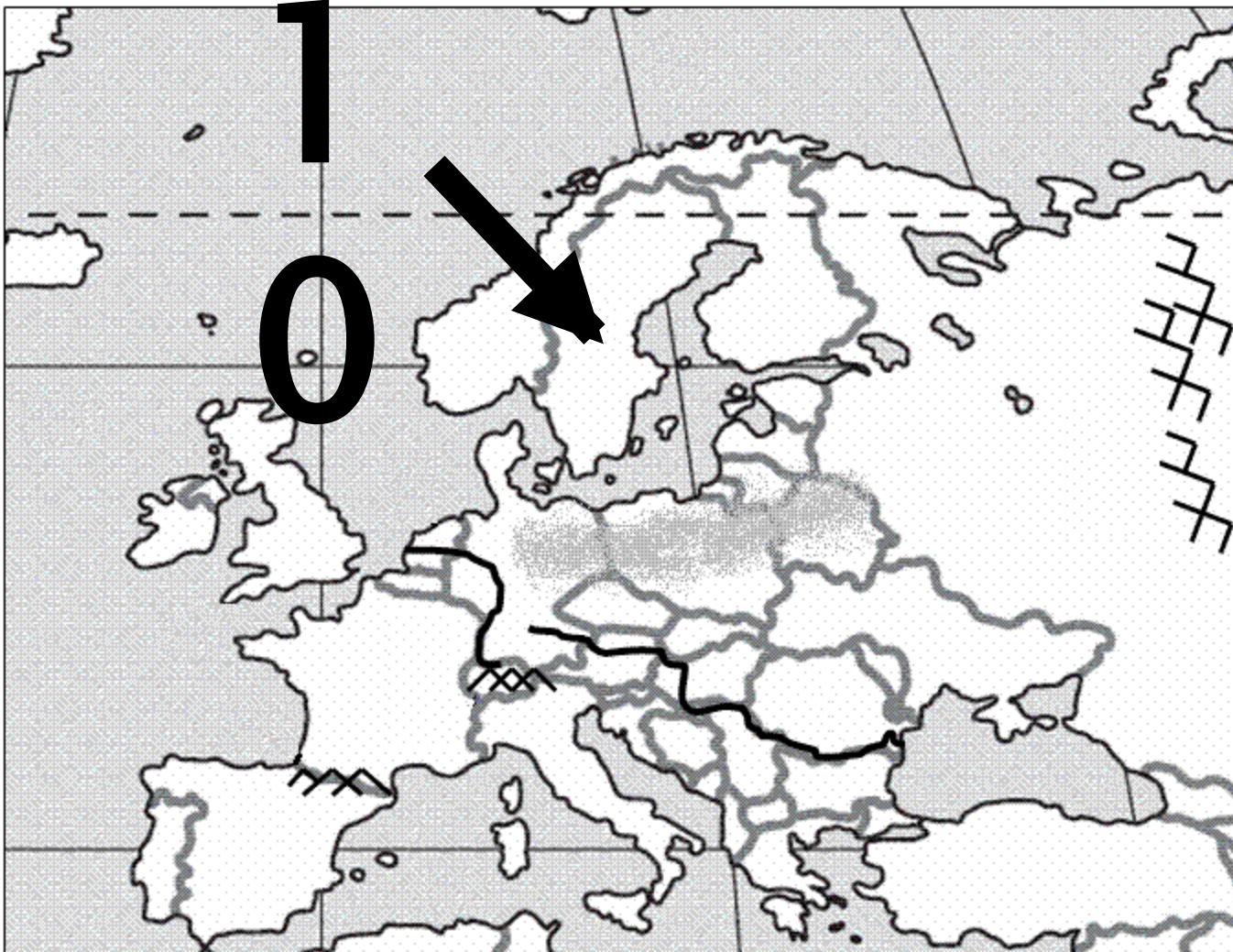


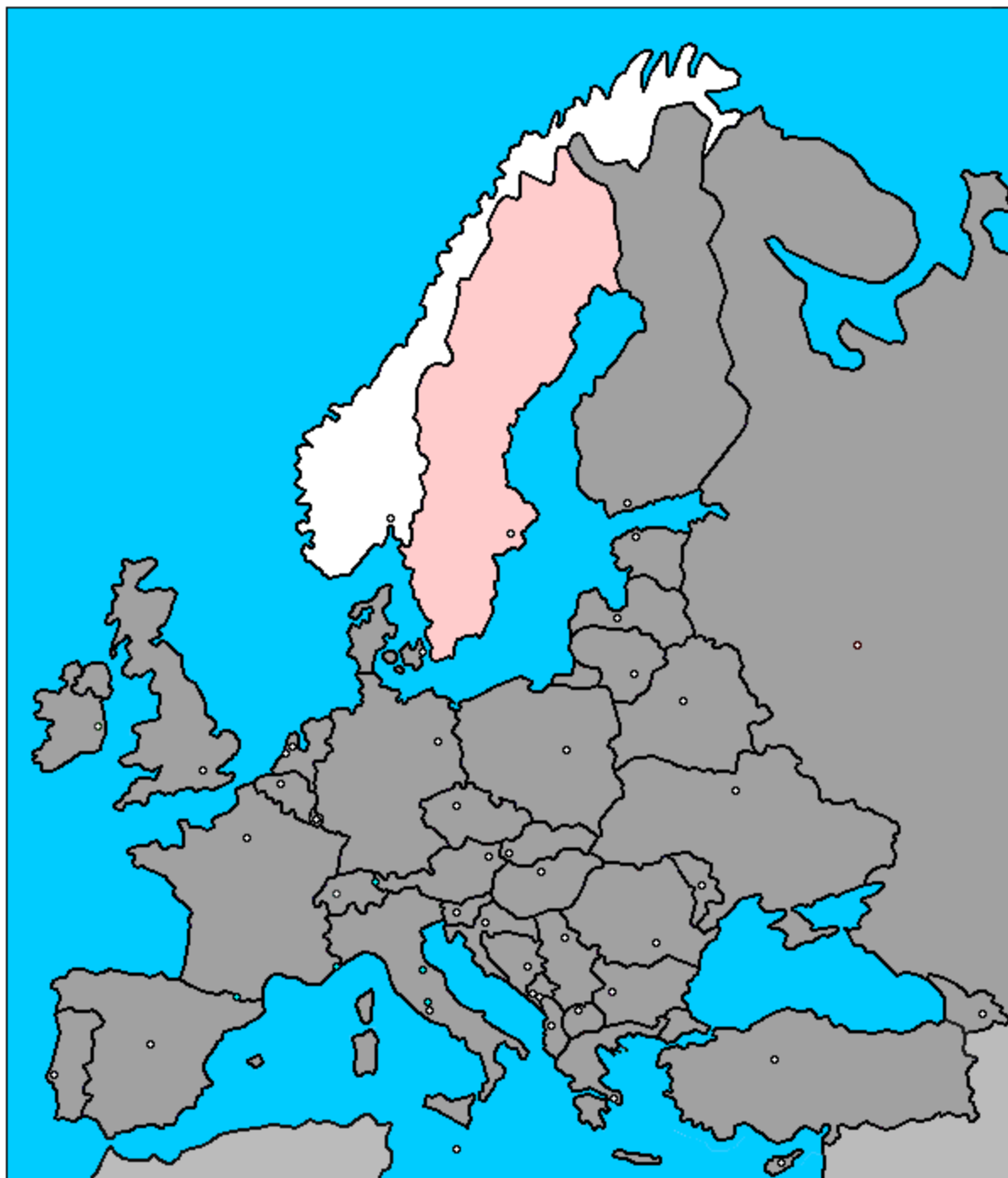
It divides the European and Asian sections of Russia.





# Scandinavian Peninsula







There are two important oceans surrounding Europe that are not listed in the standards.

However, knowing the location of these oceans is beneficial when describing the location of other physical features in Europe.



# Arctic Ocean



# Atlantic Ocean



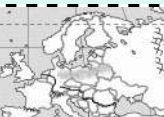
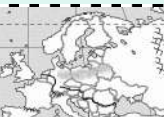






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# Europe Physical Features Foldable

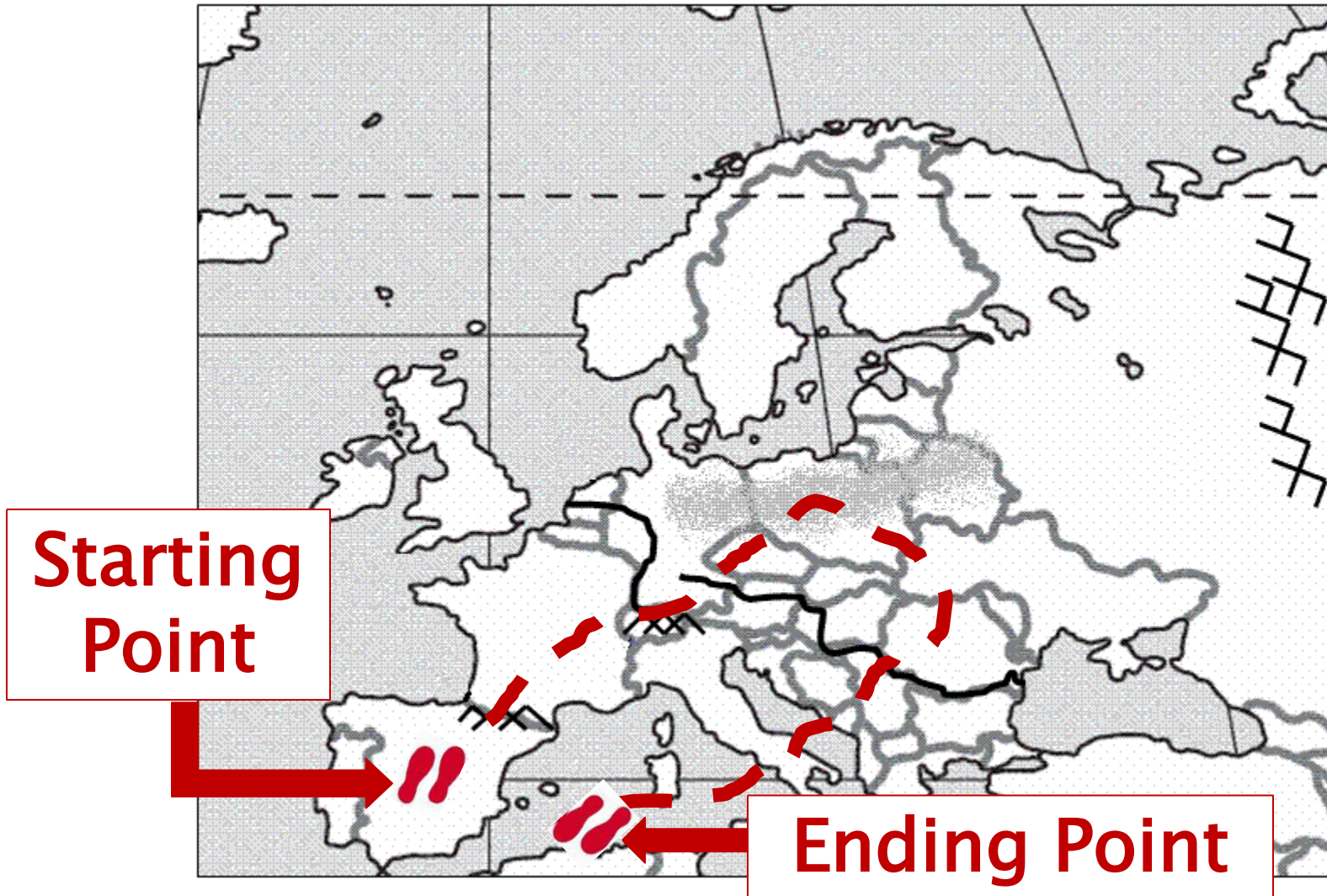
Use your labeled physical features map to:

- \*Mark each feature on a small map
- \*Write a description of where the feature is located in Europe
- \*Write a method for remembering the location of the physical feature

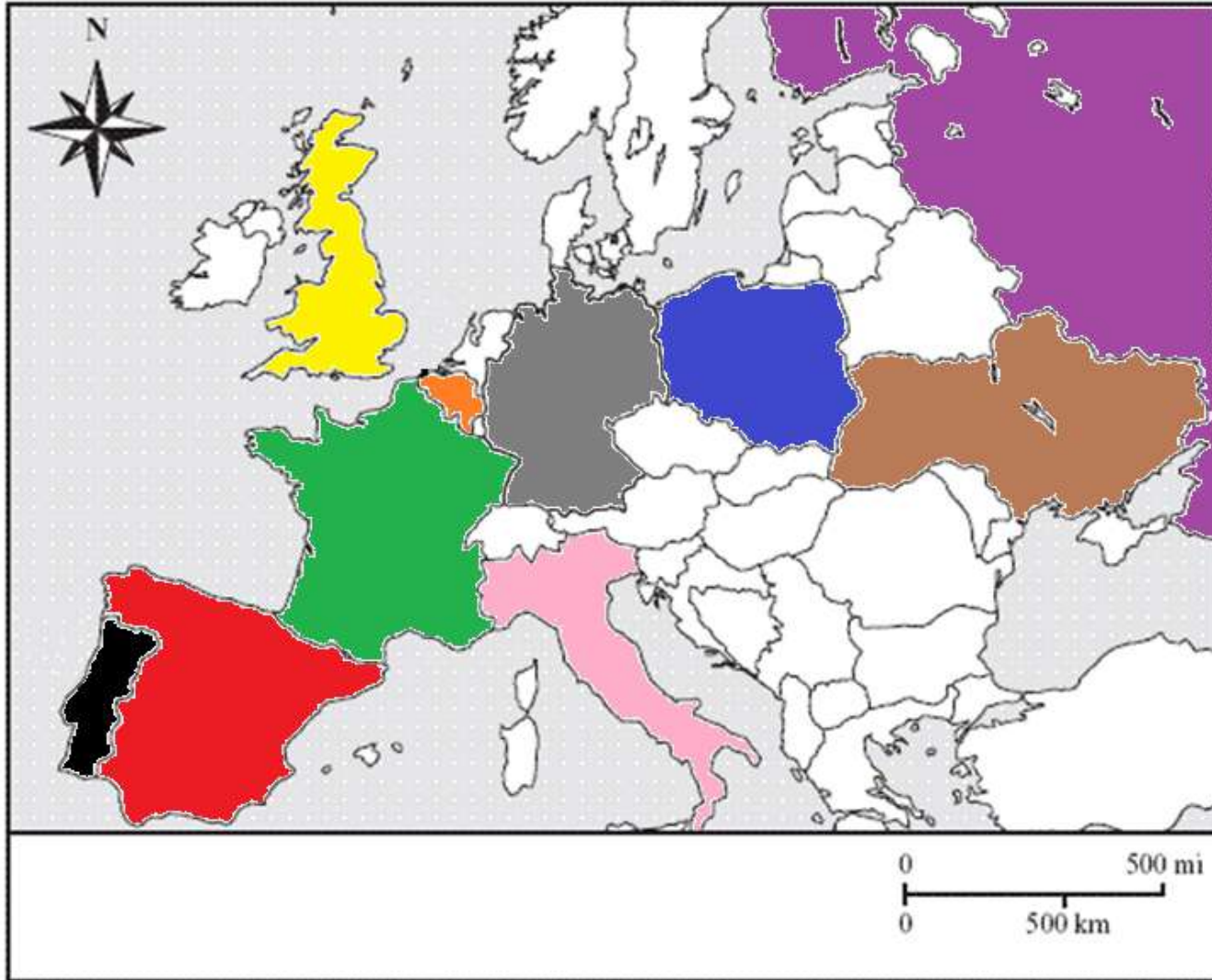
 Feature: Mediterranean Sea			 Feature: Rhine River
 Feature: Iberian Peninsula			 Feature: European Plain
 Feature: Pyrenees Mts.			 Feature: Danube River
 Feature: Alps Mts.			 Feature: Ural Mountains
 Feature: English Channel			 Feature: Scandinavian Peninsula

# Distributed Summarizing:

Imagine that you took a European vacation and followed the path shown on the map below. Write a letter to a friend describing the physical features that you visited or crossed during your trip.



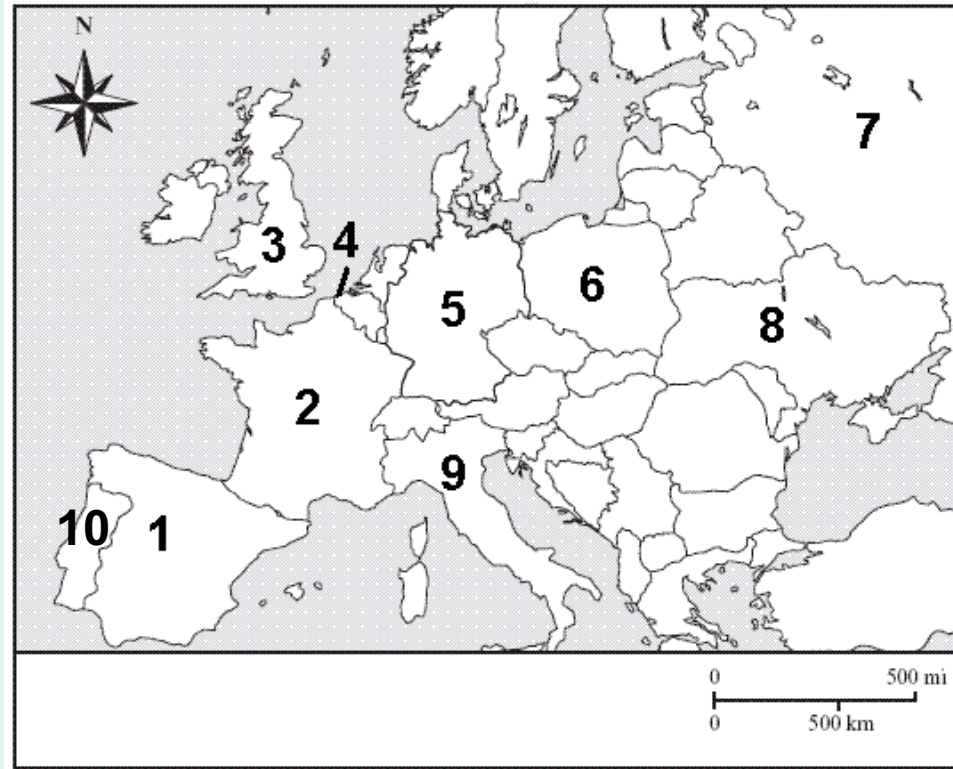
# Political Map of Europe



**We will identify the nations in color.**

# Use the European Political Identification Map

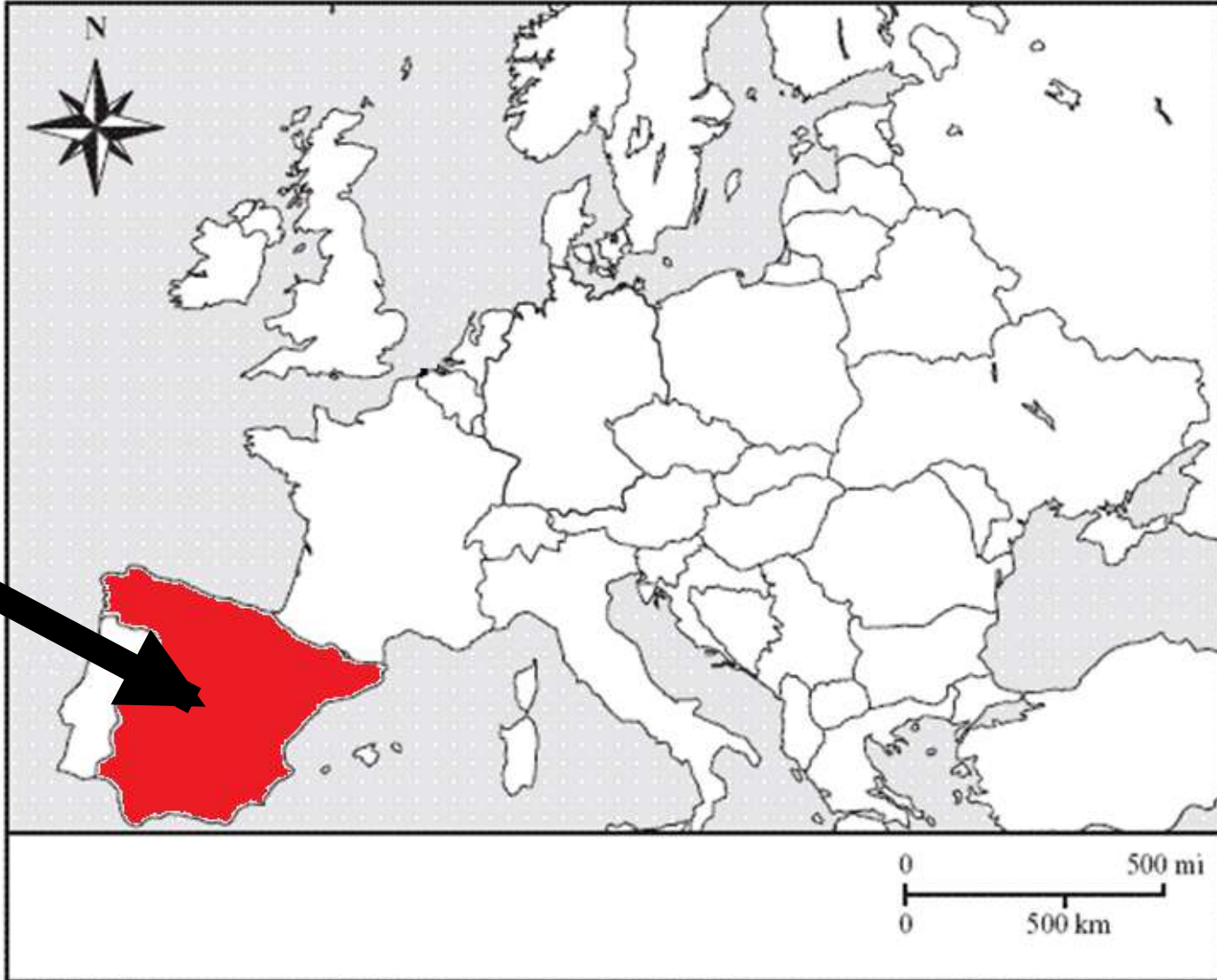
European Countries on a Political Map



_____	Belgium	_____	France	_____	Germany	_____	Italy	_____	Poland
_____	Russia	_____	Spain	_____	Ukraine	_____	United Kingdom	_____	Portugal

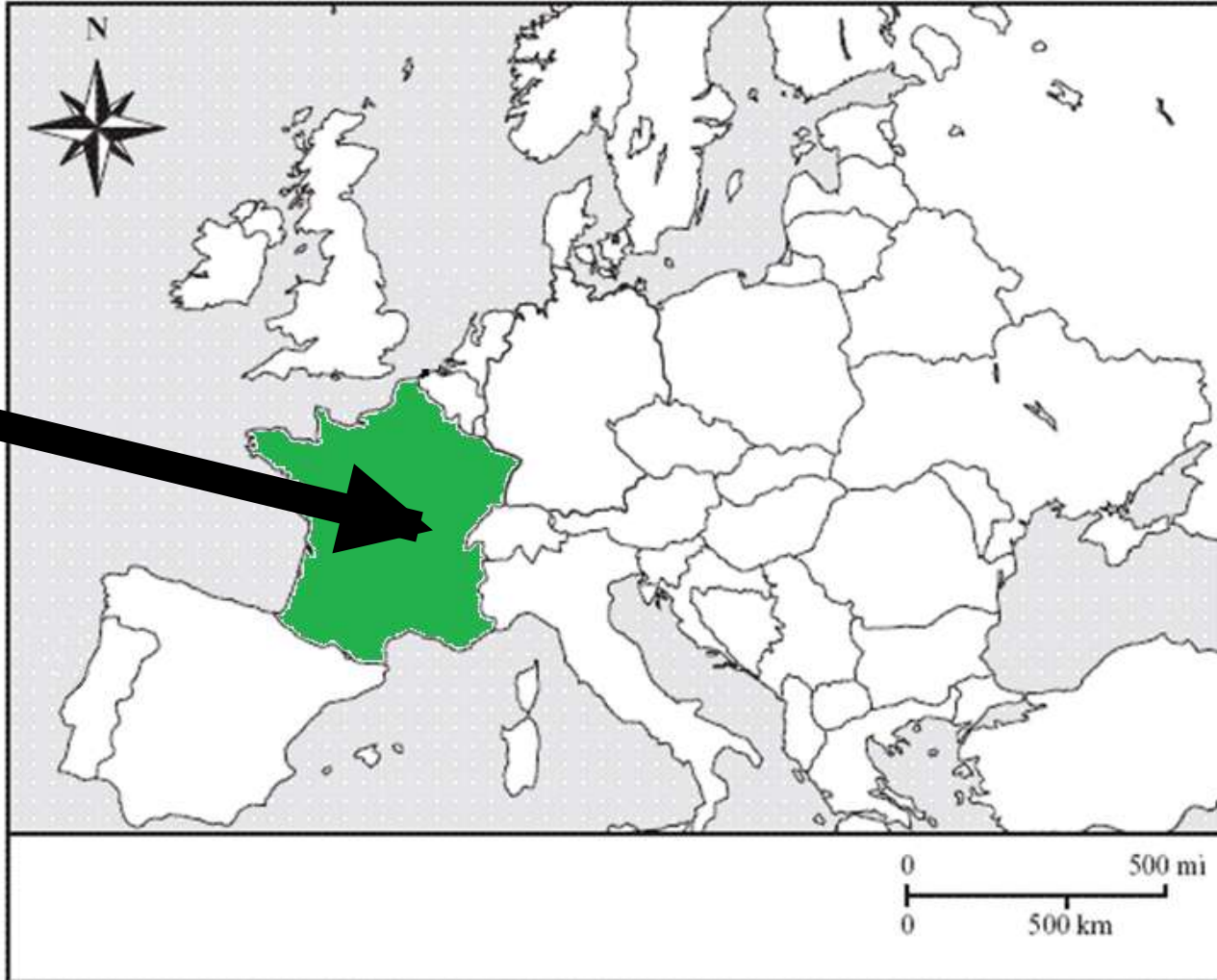
# Spain

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# France

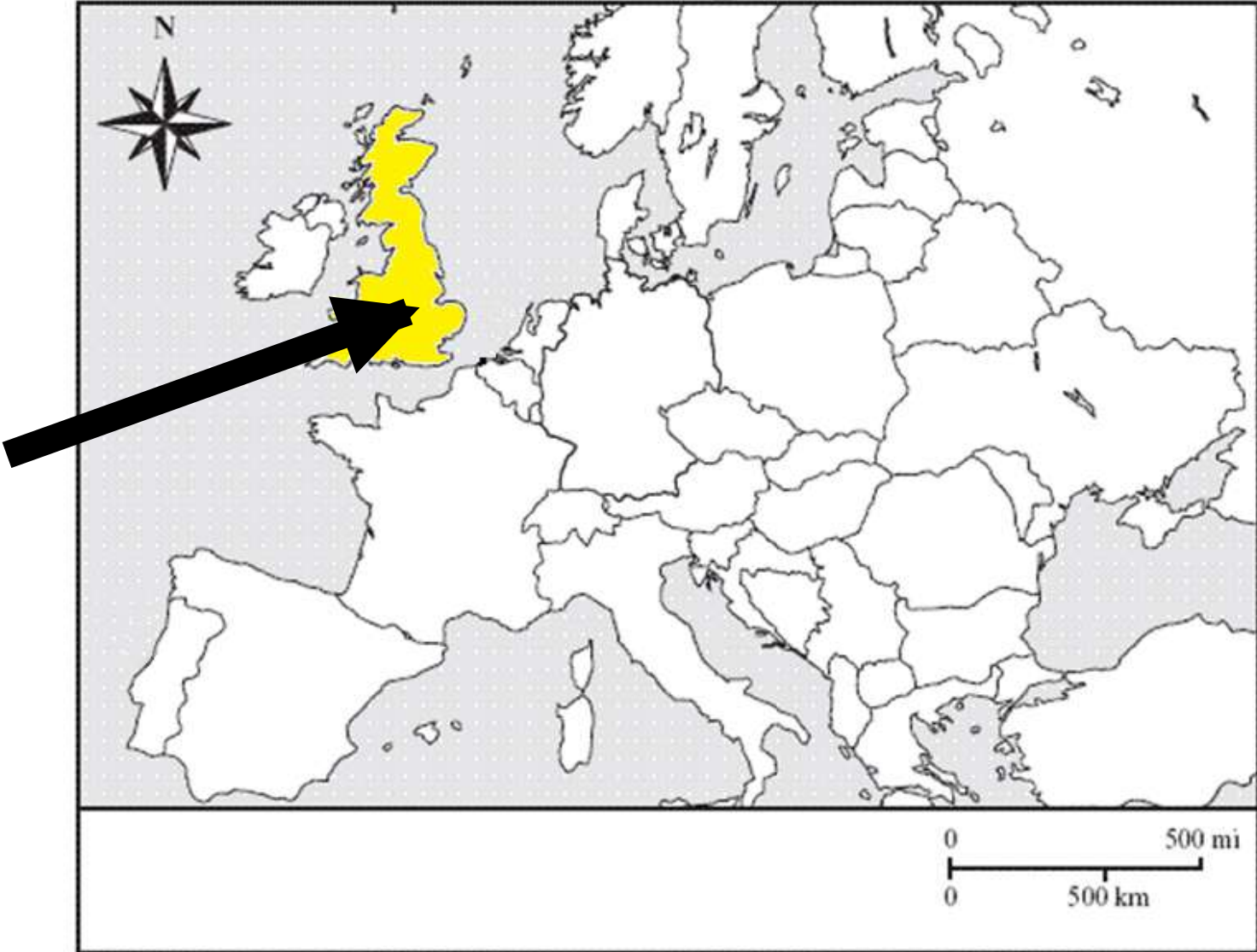
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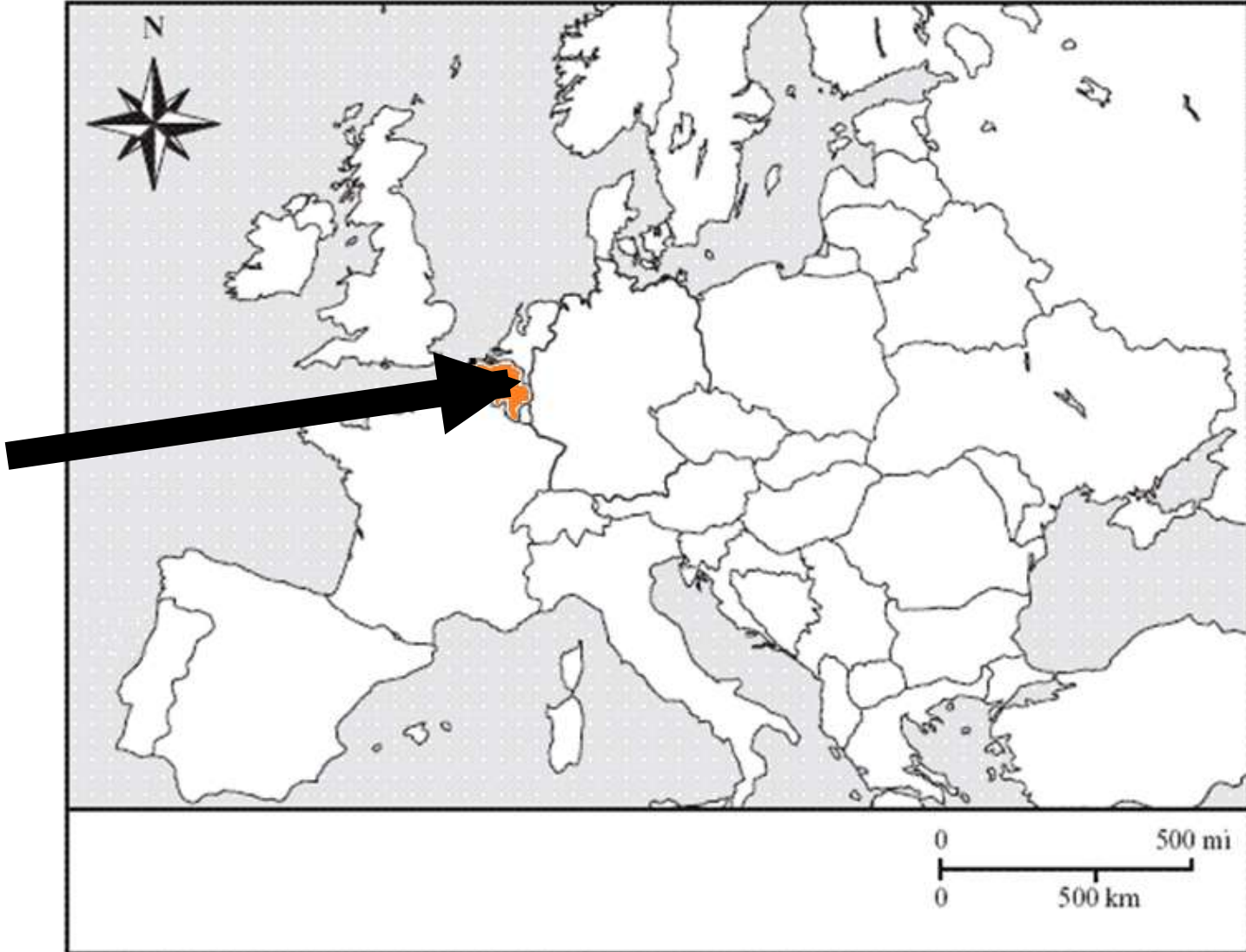
# United Kingdom

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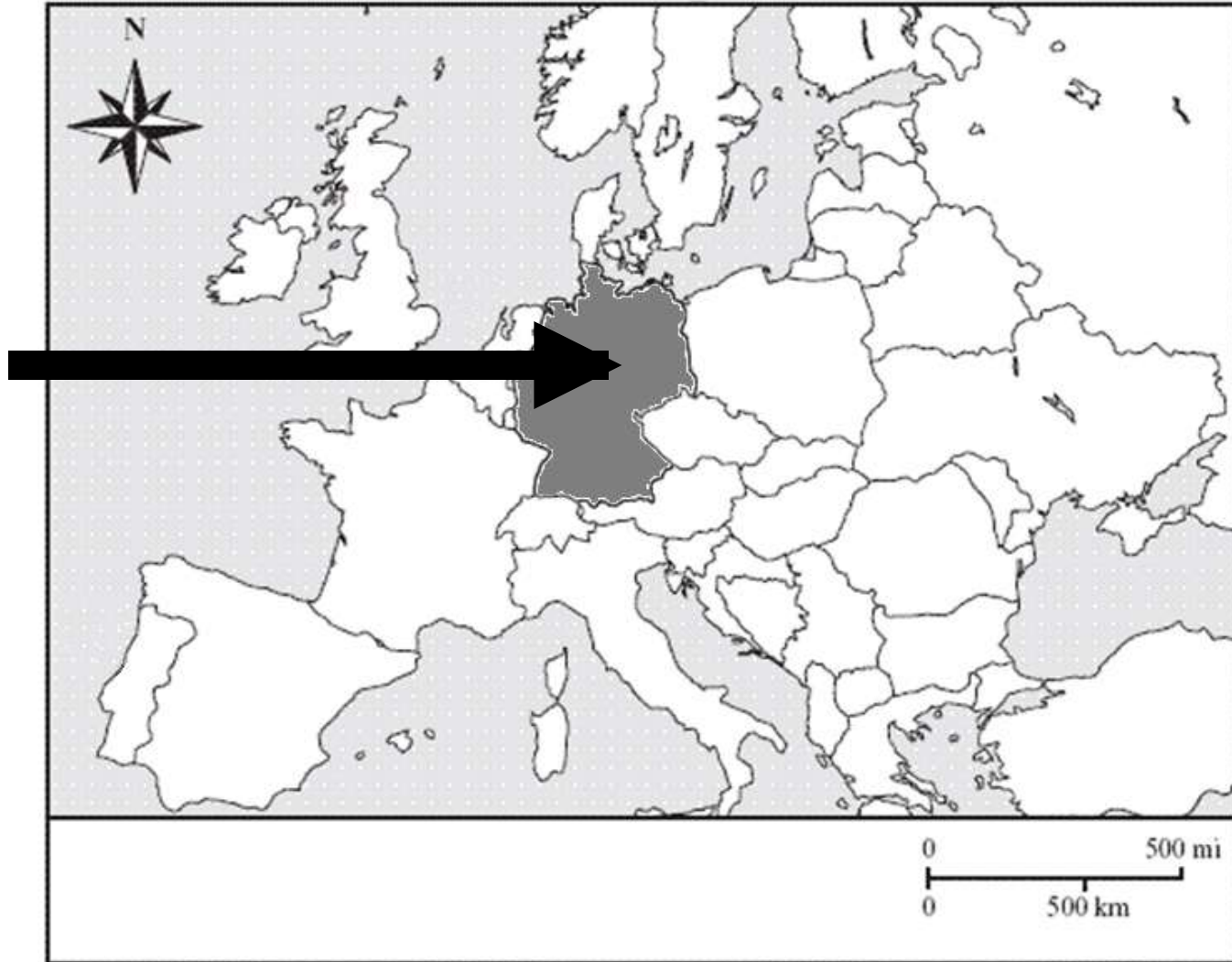
# Belgium

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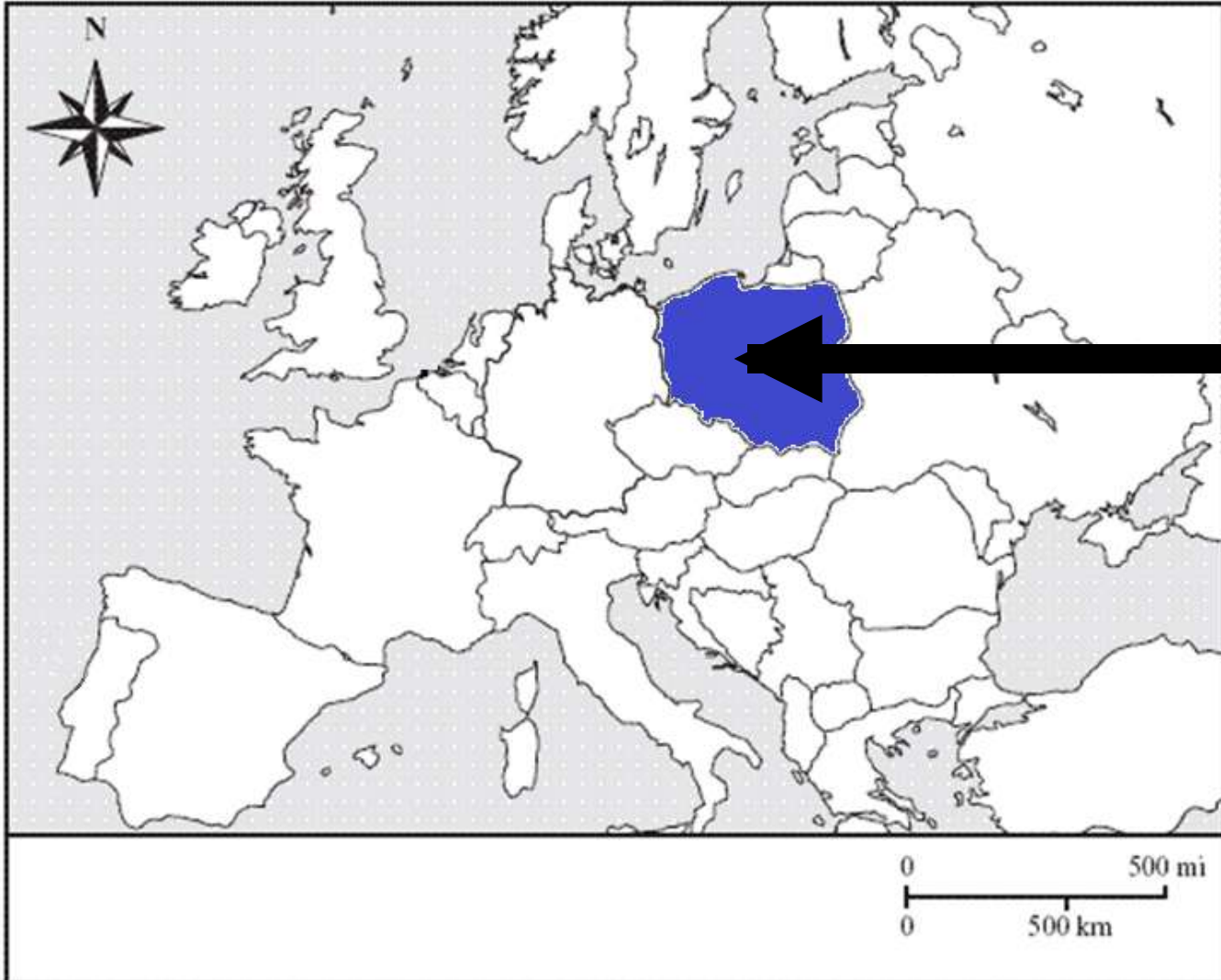


# Germany

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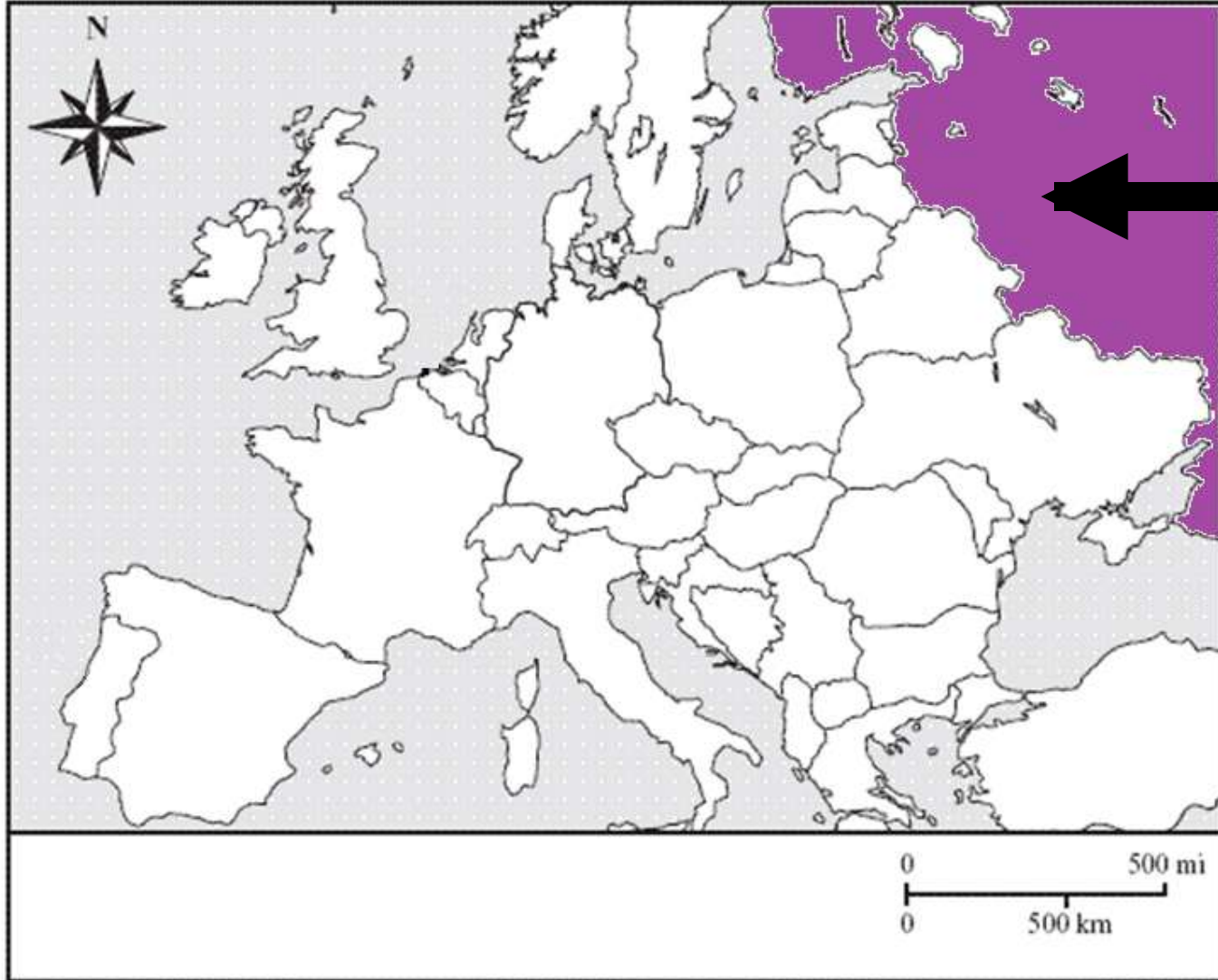


# Poland



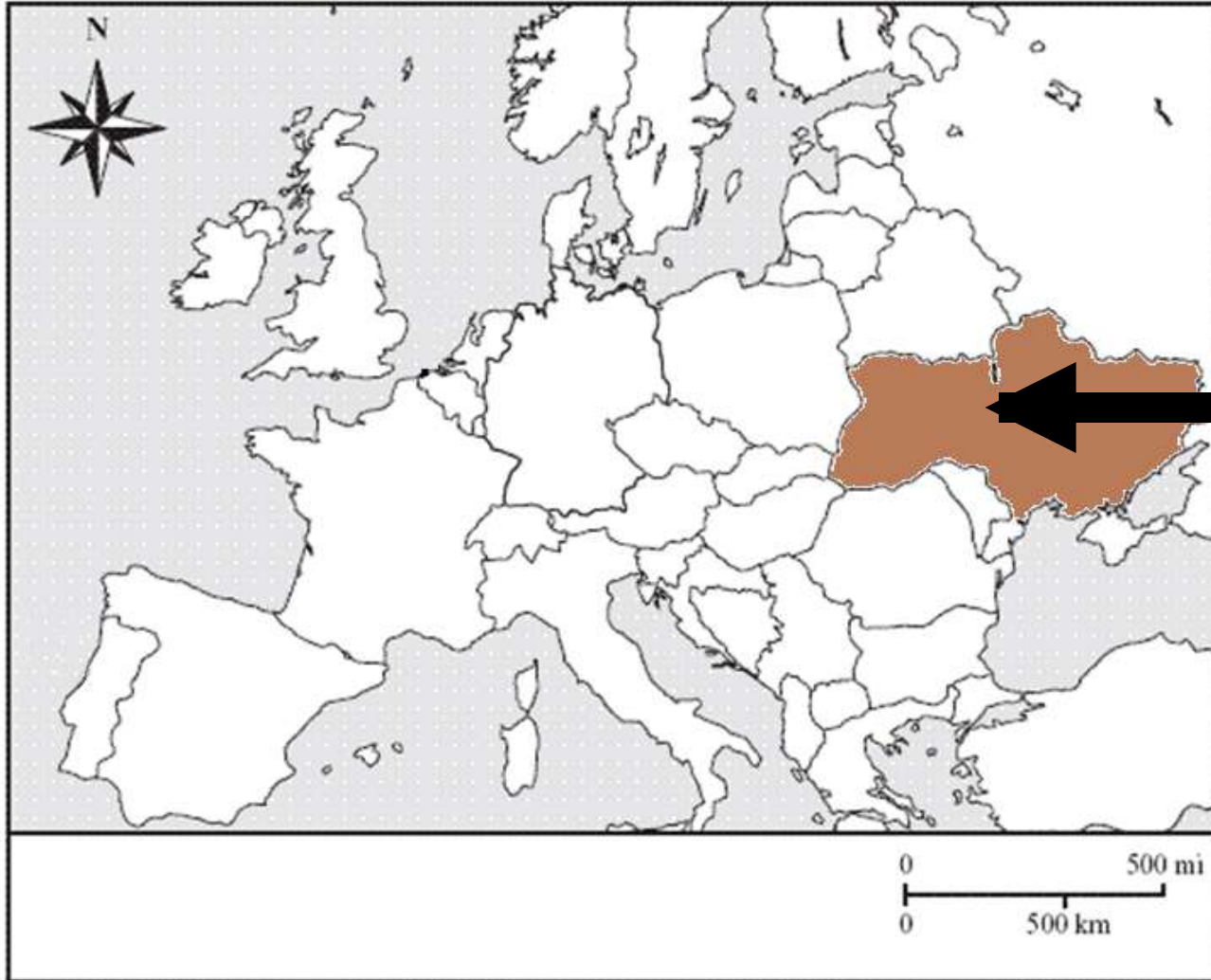
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# Russia



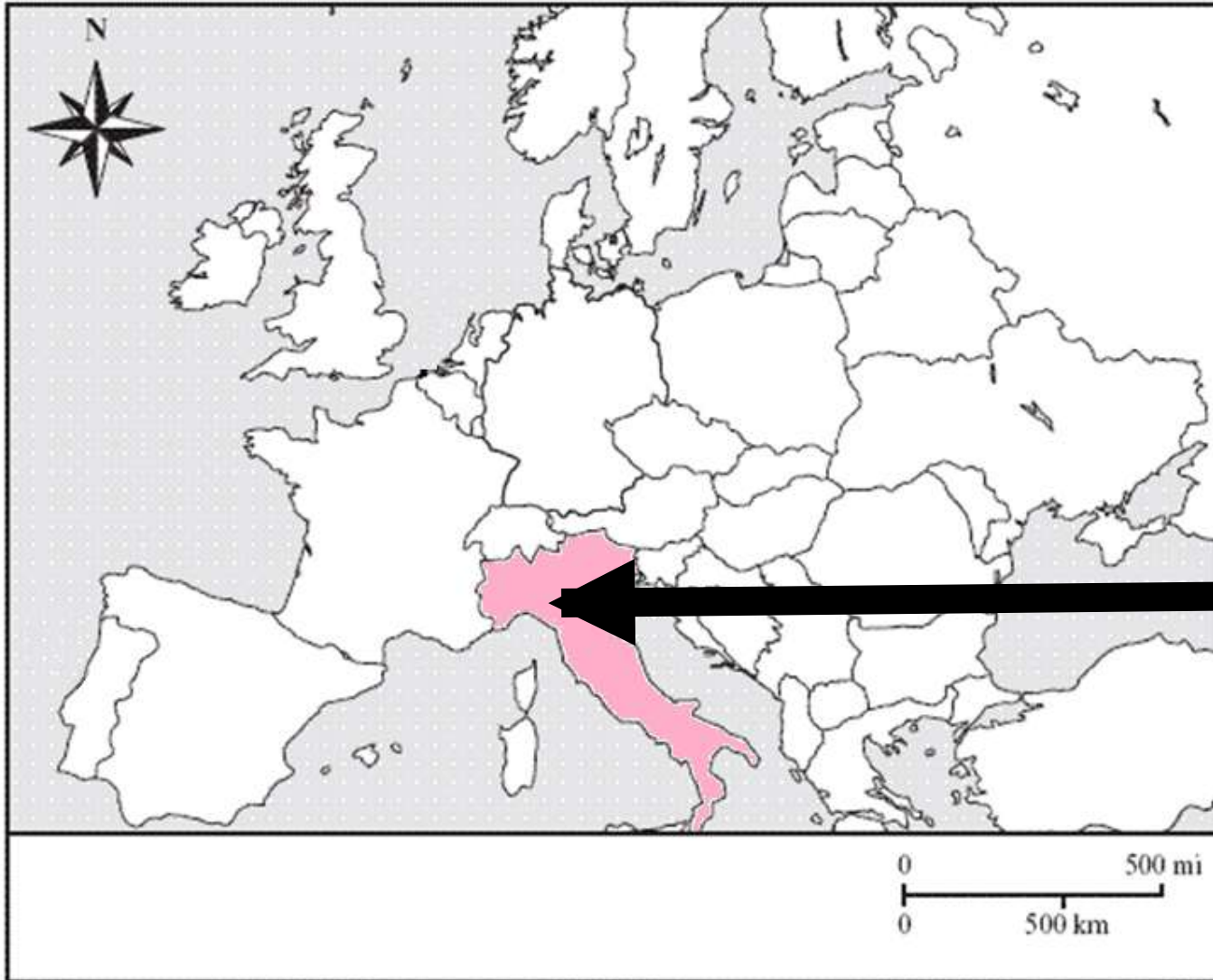
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# Ukraine



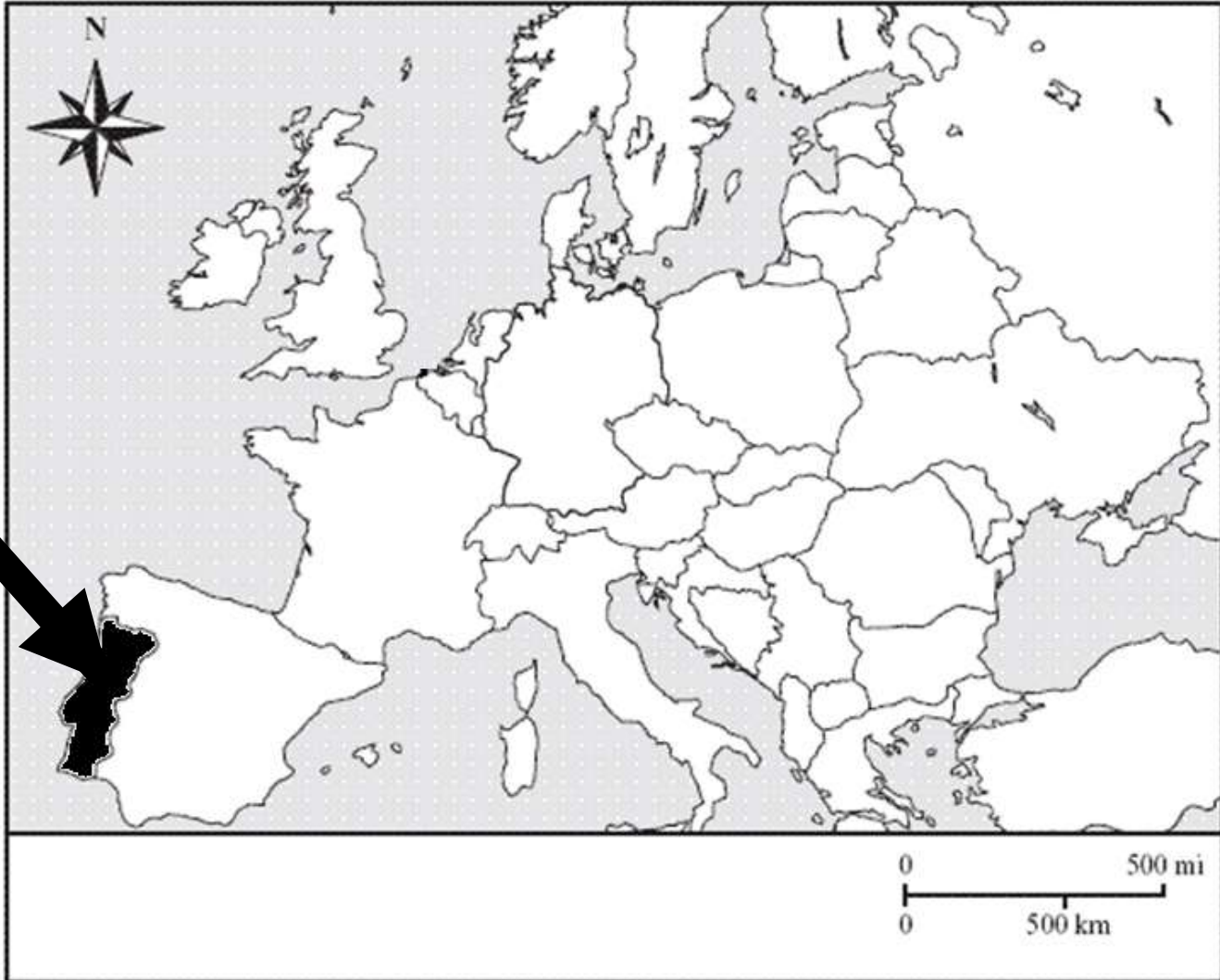
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# Italy



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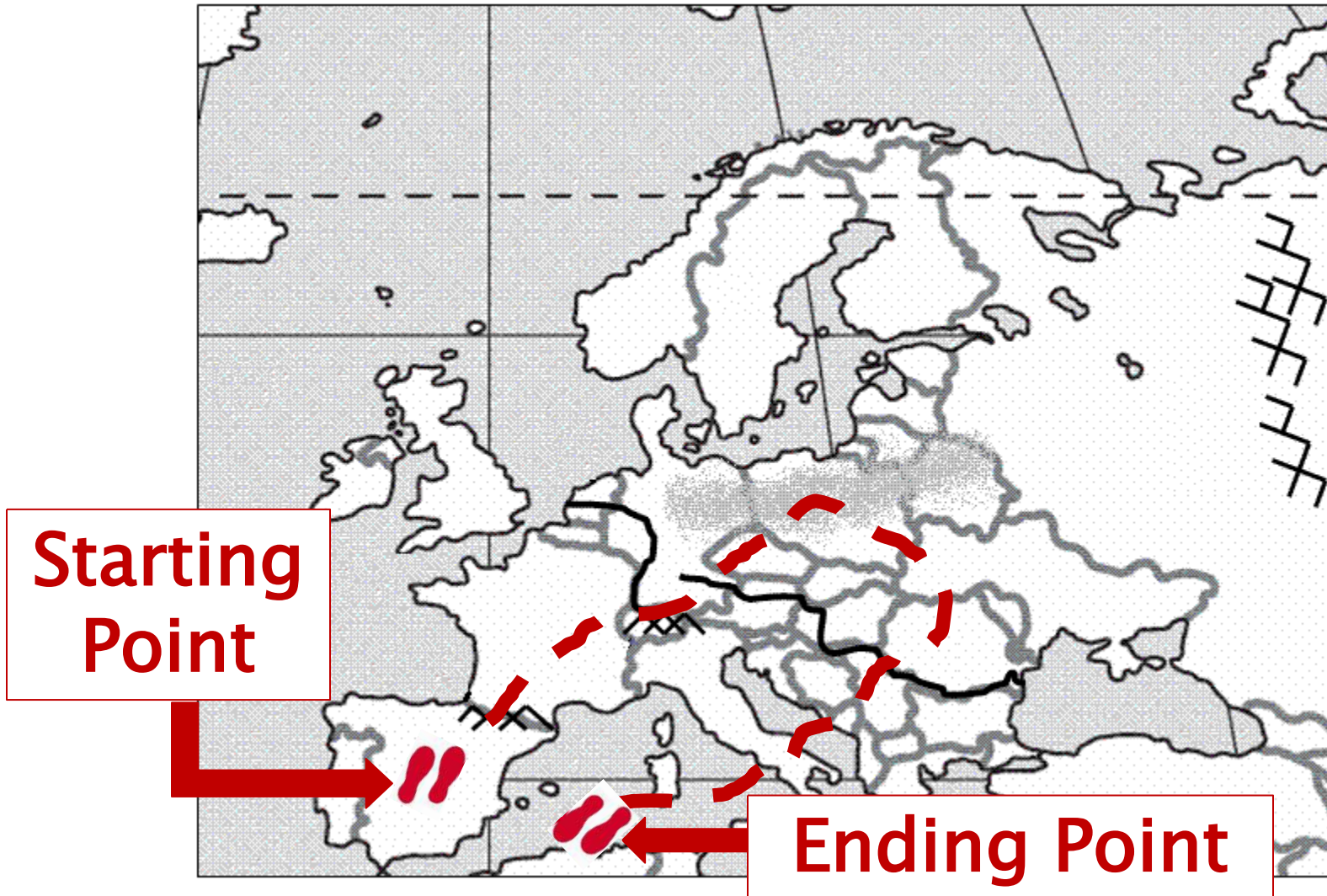
# Portugal



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**Distributed Summarizing:** Use your Distributed Summarizing European vacation handout. Identify the European nations that you would have traveled through on your vacation. Write or draw arrows to identify the countries. Which countries



Use the Europe Physical Features and Nations PPT Review to quiz students on the location of Europe's Physical Features and Nations.

# Summarizing Strategy

## Europe Physical Features and Nations Summarizer

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Identify the following physical features and nations on the map below:

### Physical Features

Alps  
Pyrenees  
Rhine River  
Danube River  
European Plain  
English Channel  
Ural Mountains  
Iberian Peninsula  
Mediterranean Sea  
Scandinavian Peninsula

### Nations

Italy  
Spain  
Russia  
France  
Poland  
Poland  
Belgium  
Ukraine  
Germany  
United Kingdom

