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## First Nine Weeks Benchmark Study Guide (Answer Key)

1. Why does international trade requires a system for exchanging currencies between nations? **Different countries have different forms of currency with different values. A business must use the currency of the nation it is working with.**
2. Which form of currency does the majority of European countries use?  
**Euro**
3. Which form of currency does the United Kingdom use? **British Pound**
4. Describe the purpose of the European Union: **To collaborate and work together, avoiding world war, and easing trade restrictions**
5. What are the benefits of being in the European Union? (List three)  
**Same currency, support of other countries, travel between countries without a passport**
6. How does acid rain impact Europe? **Harms trees, forests, animal populations; destroys buildings and statues over a long period of time**
7. How does air pollution impact Europe? **Increase in emissions causes an increase in health problems**
8. How have European governments tried to decrease pollution? **Guidelines for factories and cars - lessen emission rates**
9. Describe the Chernobyl disaster: **Nuclear power plant explosion after a reactor melted due to human error**

10. What was the short term effect of the Chernobyl disaster? **People had to evacuate, some people died, contamination of land, air, water, etc.**
11. What are the long term effects of the Chernobyl disaster? **People could not move back, animals populations increase, radiation still found there today**
12. What are the three economic questions answered when studying economic systems? **What to produce? For whom to produce? How to produce?**
13. What are some examples of capital goods? **Factory buildings, computers, machines, etc. - all used to increase production**
14. What are some examples of human capital? **Employees - Education, trainings, knowledge, health**
15. Why should a country invest in human capital? **By investing in education, the future adults will be prepared to hold jobs**
16. What is an entrepreneur? **Someone with an idea for a business and willing to risk time and money to create the business**
17. How does an entrepreneur help their community and country? **There is an increase in tax revenue and an increase in jobs**
18. How are the shipping ports of Russia and the United Kingdom different? **Russia's - closed part of the year due to harsh climate, UK's - open year around due to mild climate caused by the Gulf Stream**
19. How does the United Kingdom have such a warm climate when it is so far north? **The Gulf Stream brings warm water from near the equator**

20. Why does Russia have a difficult time harvesting natural resources? **The harsh climate does not allow for harvesting of the natural resources**
21. If a country has a **high** literacy rate, what type of standard of living does it have?  
**High**
22. How does literacy rate impact standard of living? **People can read / write, they can provide their basic needs = a high standard of living**
23. Specialization is: **concentrate on and become an expert in a particular subject or skill, can be one person or an entire country**
24. How does specialization lead to increased productivity? **If there is a focus on one product, the time taken to make that product goes down, able to make more of the product in a shorter amount of time**
25. Define monotheism: **Describes a religion with only one God to worship - not multiple gods or goddesses**
26. Define standard of living: **The degree of wealth and material comfort available to a person or community**
27. Define literacy rate: **The percentage % of adults in a country who can read and write**
28. What are the causes of both air pollution and acid rain? **Factory emissions, car emissions - human causes**
29. What does GDP stand for? **Gross Domestic Product**
30. What is GDP? **The total value of all goods and services produced in a country within one year.**

31. Thinking as a historian, why were Russia and Germany previously command economies? **East Germany and the Former Soviet Union were both under dictators during WWII / Cold War.**

Physical Feature	Where is it? (Relative Location)
Pyrenees	Between Spain and France
Ural Mountains	Divides Russia into Europe / Asia
English Channel	Between France and United Kingdom

Trade Barrier	Definition	Example
Tariff	Tax on imports	Beef from other countries is sometimes taxed as it is imported into the United States to keep the US beef industry more profitable.
Embargo	Forbidding all trade	USA and North Korea
Quota	A limit on the number of imports	Only 1000 tons of sugar can be imported into certain countries.

Economic System	Description / How do they answer the 3 economic questions?
Traditional	traditions, customs, and beliefs help shape the goods and services the economy produces, as well as the rules and manner of their distribution
Command	production, investment, prices, and incomes are determined centrally by a government
Market	prices and wages are determined mainly by supply and demand, rather than being regulated by a government
Mixed	combining government and consumer choice

Complete the continuum **below** with the *United States, United Kingdom, Germany & Russia*.

