

Study Guide: Europe



Label the following places on the Europe map:

Physical Features:
 Mediterranean Sea, Danube River, Rhine River, English Channel, Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, European Plain, the Alps, the Pyrenees, Ural Mountains, Iberian Peninsula, Scandinavian Peninsula

Nations: United Kingdom, Russia, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Ukraine, Portugal

Geography

1. What river runs through southern Europe? _____ Germany? _____
2. What mountains divide Spain from France? _____
 Italy from the rest of Europe? _____ Europe and Asia? _____
3. What countries make up the Iberian Peninsula? _____
 The Scandinavian Peninsula? _____
4. What major environmental issue affects the United Kingdom on a large scale?
 _____ Germany? _____
 Ukraine? _____
5. Explain how the location of the U.K. is different from Russia's location. _____

6. Explain how the location of Germany influences the country's trading.

7. What two physical features influence trade in Italy? _____, _____
8. What languages do they speak in the following countries: Germany _____, France _____,
 U.K. _____, Russia _____, Italy _____.
9. Define Culturally diverse:
10. What is monotheism? _____
11. What is a literacy rate and is it high or low in most European countries?
 _____, _____
12. Define standard of living and how does it relate to the term literacy rate? _____

Fill in the chart about European religions below:

Religion	Christianity	Islam	Judaism
Holy Text			
Founder			
House of Worship			
Core Belief			

Government – (Quick Review)

- When governments are distributing power what two groups are they distributing this power between?
- What is the difference between a Unitary and Federal System? _____
- Give a modern day example of a confederation. _____
- In what two types of governments can citizen NOT participate in government? _____, _____
- Give an example of one of these governments from the PAST in Europe. _____
- What is the difference between a presidential and parliamentary system? _____
- _____

Governments	U.K.	Germany	Russia
Distribution of Power			
Citizen Participation			
Type of Democracy			

History

- What the four main European countries who explored beginning in the 1400s? _____, _____
- What are the four main reasons for exploration and can I explain them? _____
- What continent did Spain mostly colonize? _____
- What does the word imperialism means? _____
- Why did Europeans want to find a sea route to Asia? _____
- Who was Prince Henry the Navigator? _____
- Name a cause of European colonization? _____
- Empire building contributed to the start of what war? _____
- Why did France want the Treaty to be so harsh for Germany after World War I? _____
- List the effects of WWI. _____, _____, _____
- What was the worst part of the Versailles Treaty for Germany's Economy? _____
- What role did Vladimir Lenin play in the Russian Revolution? _____
- What was a cause of the Russian Revolution? _____
- What type of government did Czar Nicholas have in Russia? _____
- Who was the leader of the Nazi party during World War II? _____
- What type of government did Hitler run? _____
- The Holocaust occurred during which war? _____
- Which two superpowers engaged each other during the Cold War? _____, _____
- What was the purpose of the Berlin Wall? _____
- What European country was once divided and then fell after the fall of the Soviet Union? _____

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Geography

1. What river runs through southern Europe? **Danube** Germany? **Rhine**
2. What mountains divide Spain from France? **Pyrenees** Italy from the rest of Europe **Alps** Europe and Asia? **Ural**
3. What countries make up the Iberian Peninsula? **Spain and Portugal** The Scandinavian Peninsula? **Norway and Sweden**
4. What major environmental issue affects the United Kingdom on a large scale? **Air Pollution** Germany? **Acid Rain** Ukraine? **Nuclear Disaster**.
5. Explain how the location of the U.K. is different from Russia's location. **The United kingdom is located on a collection of islands, which has easy access to trade and a mild climate. Russia, on the other hand, is almost landlocked for most of the year due to extreme temperatures. There is a limited amount of ports open year round for trade.**
6. Explain how the location of Germany influences the country's trading. **Germany is in central Europe, which is great because it connects both Eastern and Western Europe. Germany also has access to sea ports in the northern part of the country and Two vital rivers for trade.**
7. What two physical features influence trade in Italy? **Mediterranean Sea, Alps**
8. What languages do they speak in the following countries: Germany-**German**, France-**French**, U.K.-**English**, Russia-**Russian**, Italy-**Italian**.
9. Define Culturally diverse: **In terms of a country, culturally diverse mean that the country is made up of many different cultures, and many different people**
10. What is monotheism? **The belief in a single god. Found in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam**
11. What is a literacy rate and is it high or low in most European countries? **Literacy rate is the percentage of people in a place that can both read and write. It is mostly high in Europe**
12. Define standard of living and how does it relate to the term literacy rate? **Standard of living is how well a person can live in a country with an average income. The higher the literacy rate in a country, the higher the standard of living**

Fill in the chart about European religions below:

Religion	Christianity	Islam	Judaism
Holy Text	Bible	Koran	Torah
Founder	Jesus	Muhammad	Moses
House of Worship	Church	Mosque	Synagogue
Core Belief	Jesus is God. Died on Cross for sins of all.	Allah is God, Muhammad is prophet. 5 pillars of Islam	10 commandments and mitzvots. Good deeds considered core.

Government – (Quick Review)

1. When governments are distributing power what two groups are they distributing this power between? **National/Central and State/Local**
2. What is the difference between a Unitary and Federal System? **Unitary gives all power to a central government, but Federal divides that power between central and state government.**
3. Give a modern day example of a confederation. **European Union**
4. In what two types of governments can citizen NOT participate in government? **Autocracy, Oligarchy**
5. Give an example of one of these governments from the PAST in Europe. **Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, Czarist Russia**
6. What is the difference between a presidential and parliamentary system? **In a parliamentary Democracy the Prime Minister is chosen by the majority party in the Parliament, whereas in a Presidential Democracy the President is chosen by the people.**

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Governments	U.K.	Germany	Russia
Distribution of Power	Unitary	Federal	Federal
Citizen Participation	Democracy	Democracy	Democracy
Type of Democracy	Parliamentary	Presidential	Dual System

History

1. What the four main European countries who explored beginning in the 1400s? **Spain, United Kingdom, Portugal, France**
2. What are the four main reasons for exploration and can I explain them? **New Trade Routes, Natural Resources, Spreading Christianity, Glory/Fame**
3. What continent did Spain mostly colonize? **South America**
4. What does the word imperialism means? **When a country establishes control over another territory to acquire an economic advantage.**
5. Why did Europeans want to find a sea route to Asia? **Europeans wanted to find a better and less expensive way to trade with Asia than currently travelling around Africa or through Europe/Asia by land.**
6. Who was Prince Henry the Navigator? **A son of the king of Portugal, who established a school for explorers/map makers, and also funded explorers to make journeys around Africa to Asia.**

7. Name a cause of European colonization? **Natural Resources, Market for goods, spread Christianity**
8. Empire building contributed to the start of what war? **World War I**
9. Why did France want the Treaty to be so harsh for Germany after World War I? They believed Germany caused the war and wanted them to pay for their losses (both human and financial)
10. List the effects of WWI. **Germany paid huge fines, Worldwide Depression, Ottoman Empire and Austria-Hungary Empire broke up, Russian Revolution**
11. What was the worst part of the Versailles Treaty for Germany's Economy? **Germany had to pay the allies reparation payments**
12. What role did Vladimir Lenin play in the Russian Revolution? **He was the leader of the communist**
13. What was a cause of the Russian Revolution? **The Russian people were starving due to the war and were tired of the rule of the Czar.**
14. What type of government did Czar Nicholas have in Russia? **Autocracy**
15. Who was the leader of the Nazi party during World War II? **Adolf Hitler**
16. What type of government did Hitler run? **Autocracy**
17. The Holocaust occurred during which war? **World War II**
18. Which two superpowers engaged each other during the Cold War? **USSR, and the United States**
19. What was the purpose of the Berlin Wall? **The purpose of the Berlin Wall was to separate The communist side of Berlin from the capitalist side.**
20. What European country was once divided and then united after the fall of the Soviet Union? **Germany**