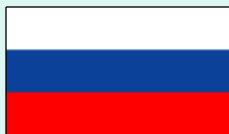


The Physical Geography of Europe

SS6G8 The student will locate selected features of Europe
a. 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, and Iberian Peninsula





Satellite View of Europe



3,800 square miles

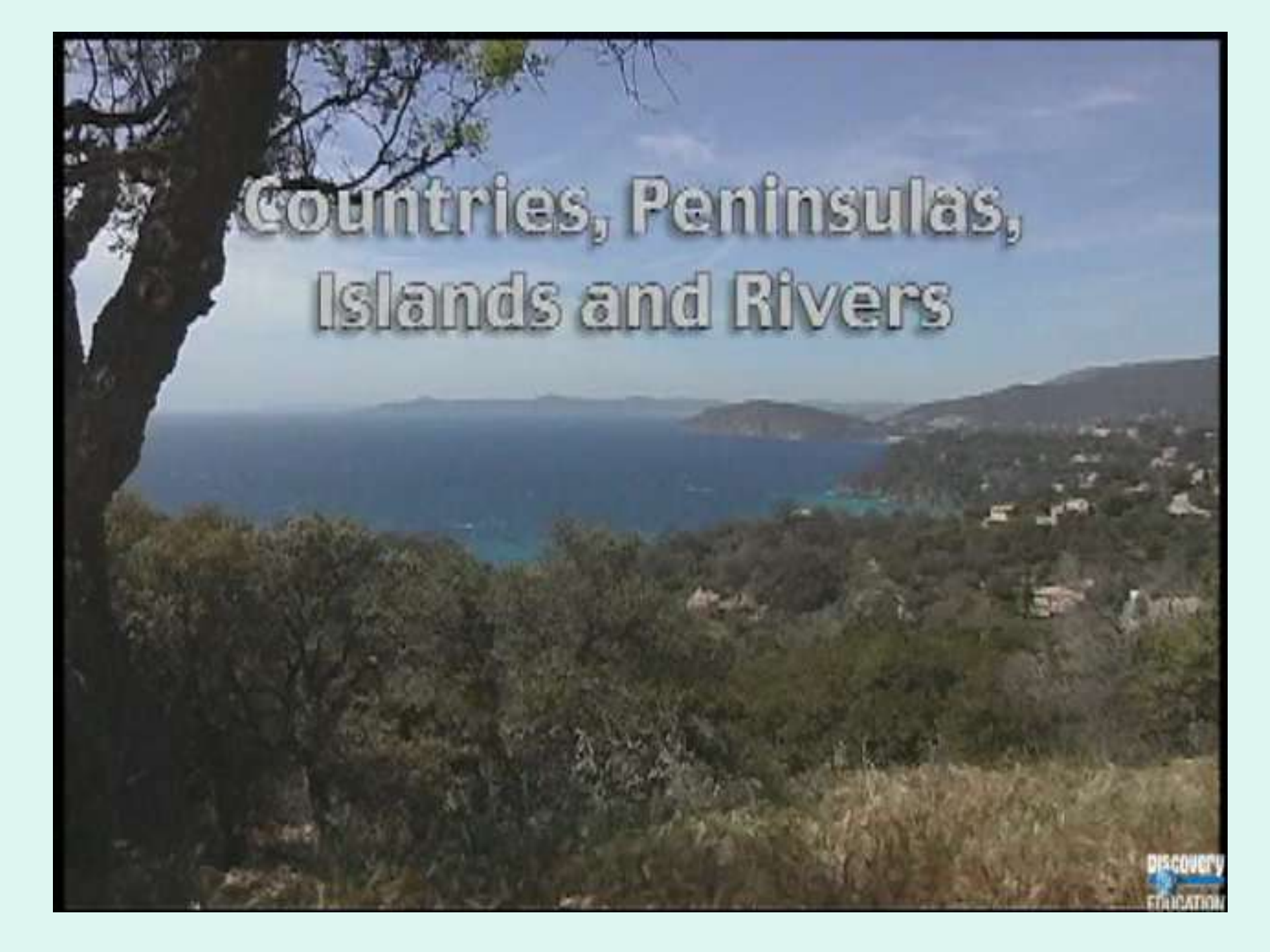


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Continents by Size (sq. km.)

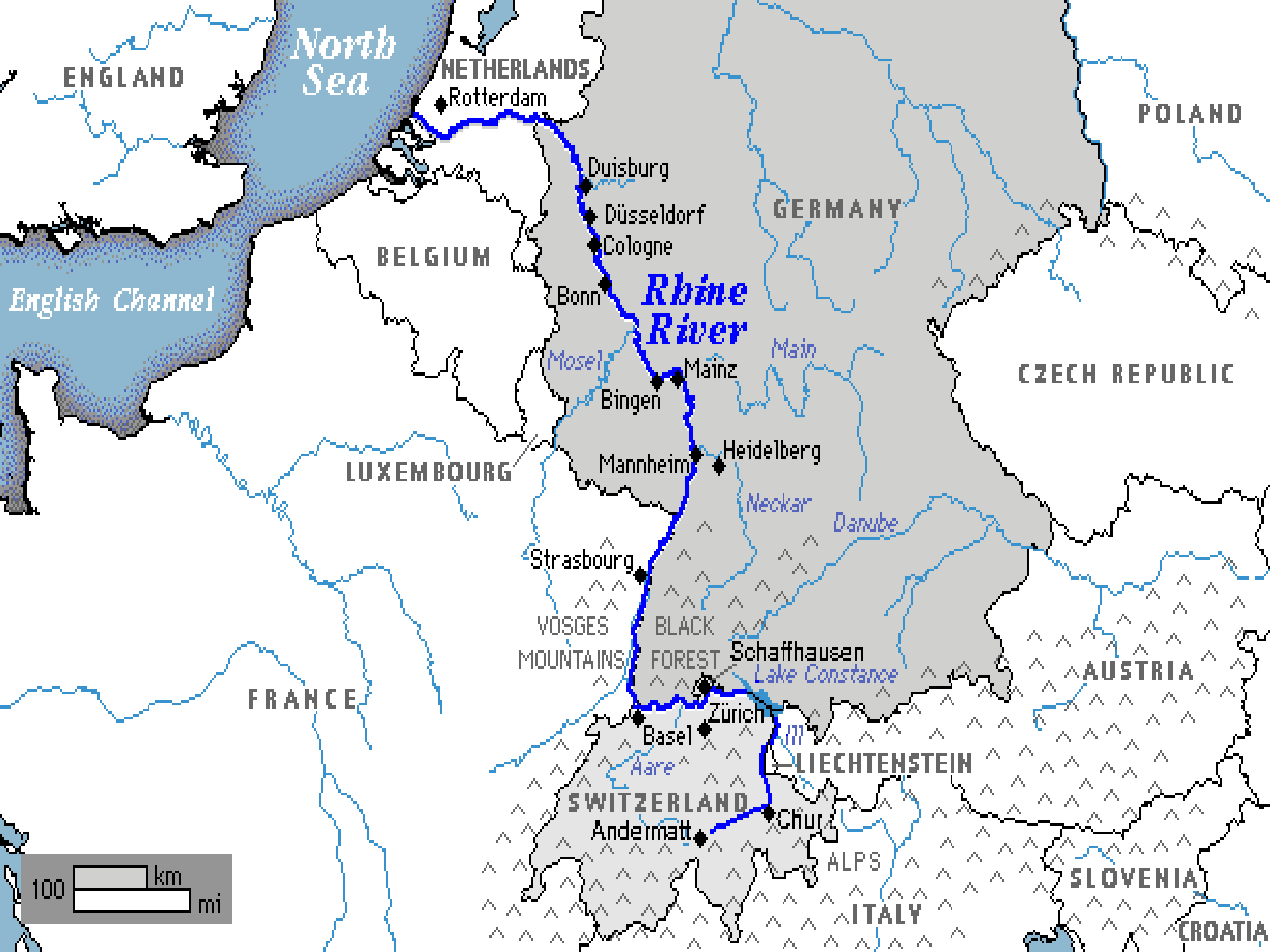
Asia	44,579,000
Africa	30,065,000
North America	24,256,000
South America	17,819,000
Antarctica	13,209,000
<i>Europe</i>	<i>9,938,000</i>
Oceania (incl. Australia)	7,687,000



Countries, Peninsulas, Islands and Rivers

Rhine River

- Longest river in Germany
- An important waterway for trade
- Begins in Switzerland, winds through Germany, France, Luxembourg, & The Netherlands



North Sea

ENGLAND

NETHERLANDS

Rotterdam

POLAND

GERMANY

Duisburg

Düsseldorf

Cologne

BELGIUM

Bonn

Rhine River

English Channel

CZECH REPUBLIC

Mosel

Mainz

Main

Bingen

Mannheim

Heidelberg

Neckar

Danube

LUXEMBOURG

Strasbourg

VOSGES MOUNTAINS

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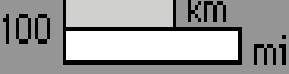
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ITALY

SLOVENIA

CROATIA







Danube River

- 2nd largest river in Europe (Volga is first)
- Flows through the **12 countries** of Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, and the Ukraine!
 - 1,770 miles long
- Played a vital role in the development of central Europe (trade & cultural diffusion)



Rhine

CZECH REPUBLIC

Morava

POLAND

UKRAINE

Regensburg

Ulm

Passau

GERMANY

Linz

Vienna

SLOVAKIA

Bratislava

+ Gerlachovský

HUNGARY

Budapest

ROMANIA

CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

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SWITZERLAND

AUSTRIA

ALPS

SLOVENIA

CROATIA

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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

YUGOSLAVIA

BULGARIA

F.Y.R.O. MACEDONIA

ALBANIA

GREECE

TURKEY

Inn

Drava

Tisza

Prut

Po

Sava

Or

Belgrade

Brăila

Bucharest

Ligurian Sea

ITALY

Adriatic Sea

Danube

Black Sea

Tyrrhenian Sea



The English Channel

- Small body of water that separates England from France
- 350 miles long
- In the past, it was used as a good system of defense for England
- An important waterway for trade



UNITED KINGDOM

English Channel

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Birmingham

Fishguard

Cardiff

Bristol

London

Reading

Southampton

Brighton

Dover

Plymouth

Weymouth

Portsmouth

Strait of Dover

Dun Calais

Alderney

Sark

Guernsey (U.K.)

Jersey (U.K.)

Cherbourg

Le Havre

Caen

Rouen

Am

Brest

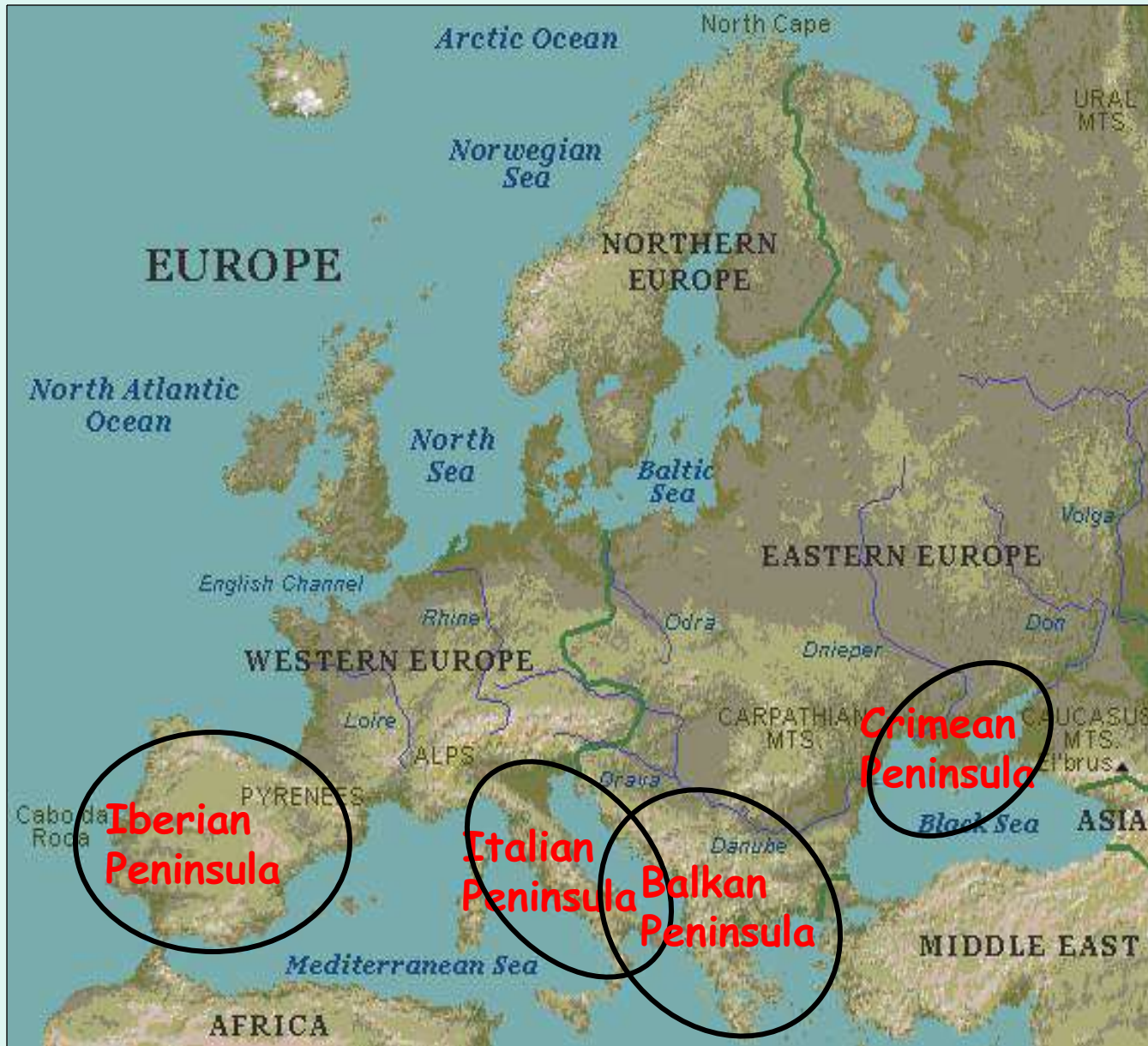
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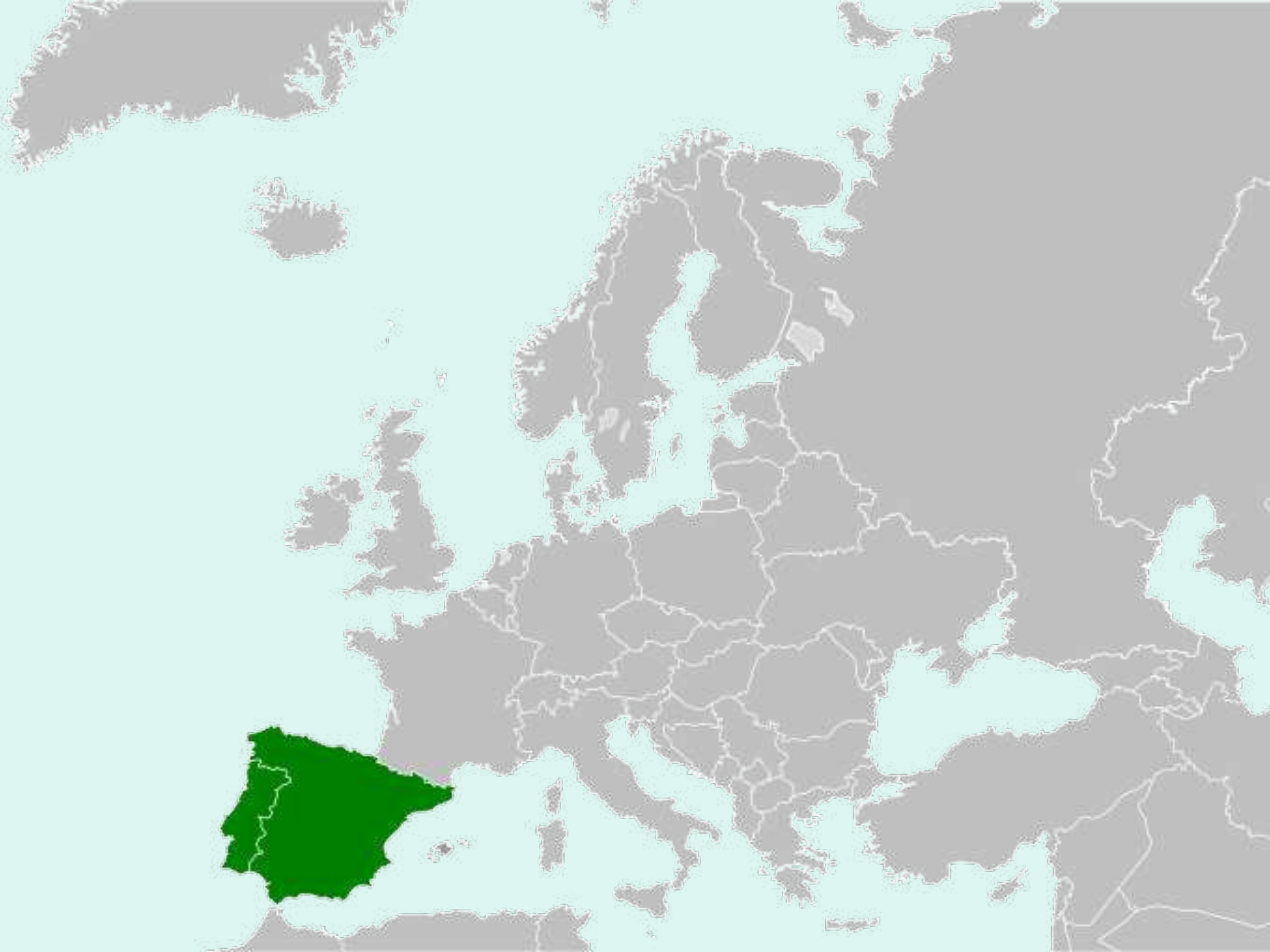


Southern Peninsulas



Iberian Peninsula

- The Pyrenees form the northern border
- 2nd largest peninsula in Europe
- Includes the countries of Spain & Portugal



Mediterranean Sea

- Important route for trade & cultural exchange
- “Crossroads for 3 continents” (Europe, Africa, & Asia)
- Covers an area of 965,000 square miles
- Name means “in the middle of the earth” (surrounded by land)

*Atlantic
Ocean*

EUROPE

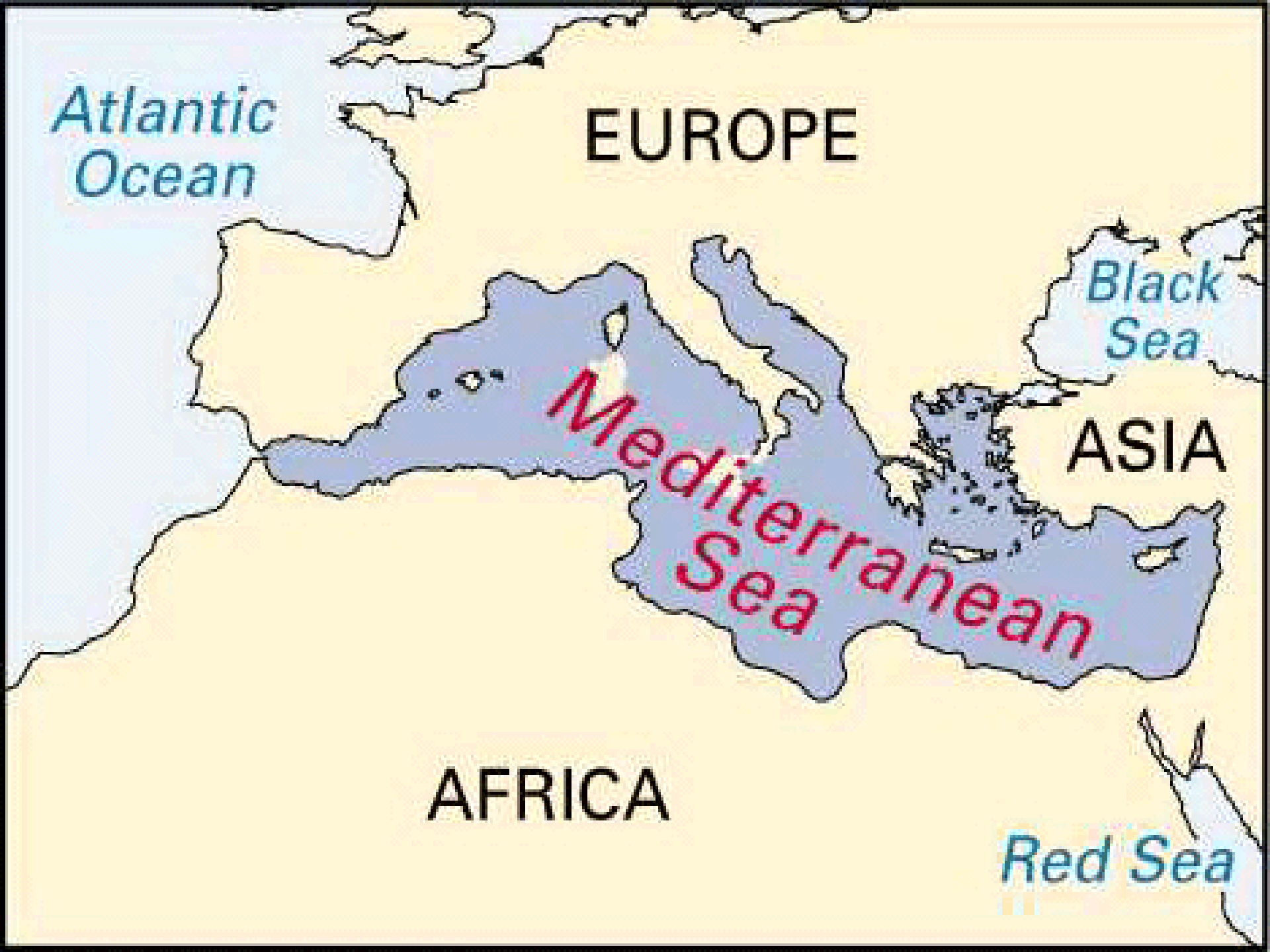
*Black
Sea*

ASIA

*Mediterranean
Sea*

AFRICA

Red Sea







Landforms



The Alps

- **Located in Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Slovenia, & Liechtenstein**
- **Major tourist destination**
- **Extend for almost 700 miles!**



Mt. Blanc in the Alps



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





Pyrenees Mountains

- Form the natural border between France & Spain
- Extend for about 270 miles



ATLANTIC OCEAN

Bay of Biscay

FRANCE

CANTABRIAN MTS.

Bilbao

Bordeaux

MASSIF CENTRAL

Toulouse

Porto

SIERRA DE GATA

SIERRA GUADARRAMA

Zaragoza

PYRENEES

Andorra la Vella

Marseille

40

PORTUGAL

Madrid

Barcelona

Lisbon

SPAIN

Valencia

Balearic Sea

BALEARIC ISLANDS

SIERRA MORENA

Sevilla

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SIERRA NEVADA

Gibraltar (U.K.)

Ceuta (SPAIN)

Alboran Sea

Algiers

strait of gibraltar

Melilla (SPAIN)

Oran

Rabat

Casablanca

MOROCCO

ALGERIA



Ural Mountains

- Considered the natural boundary between Europe & Asia
- Divide Russia: 1/4 is in Europe, 3/4 is in Asia
- 1,500 miles long!
- Among the world's OLDEST mountain ranges
- Huge deposits of gold, nickel, silver, platinum, coal, iron, & other minerals

Ural Mountains: "The Great Divide"



It divides the European and Asian sections of Russia.



Arctic Ocean

Moscow

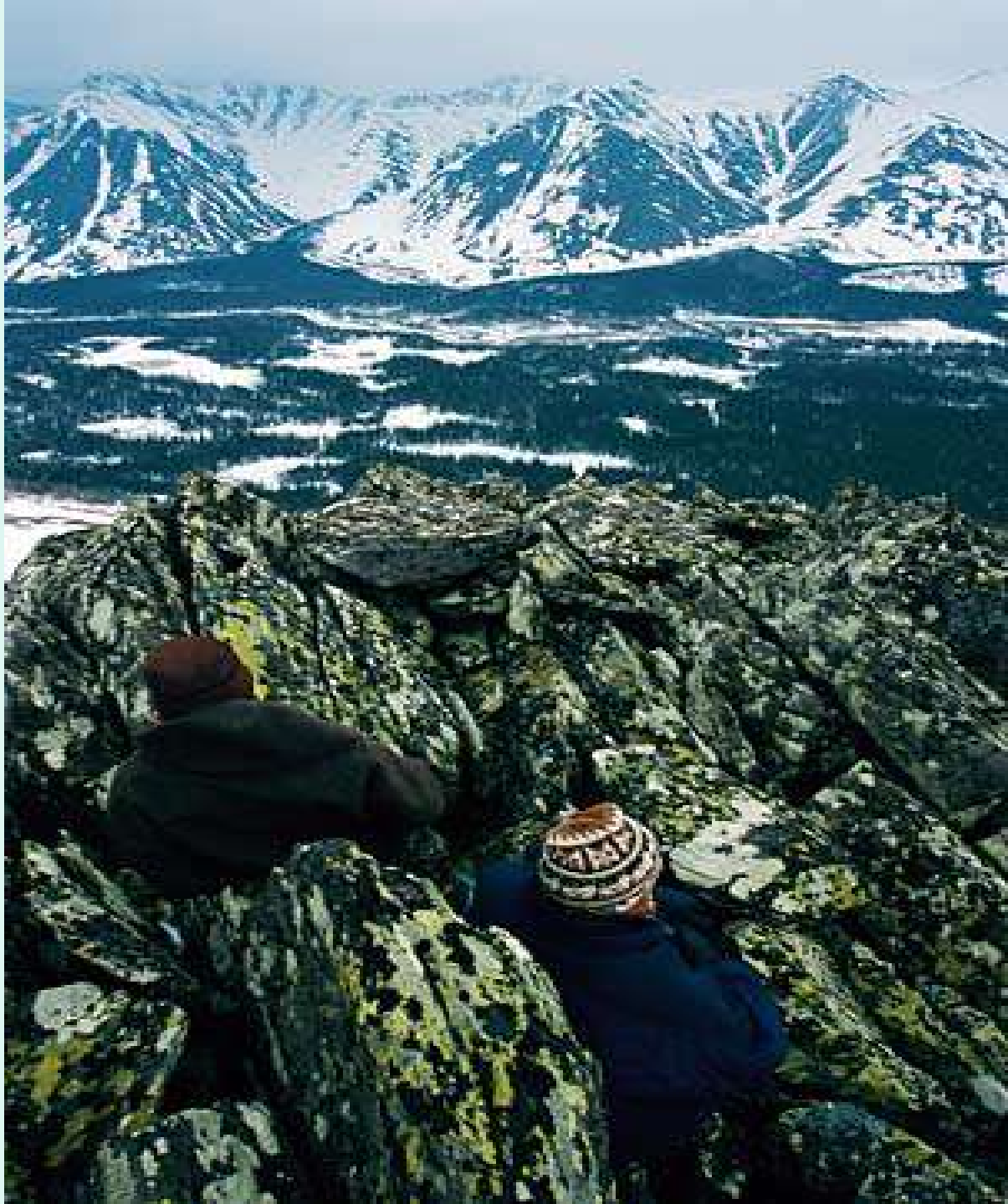
Ural Mtns

West
Siberian
Plain

Central
Siberian
Plateau

RUSSIA







The European Plain

- Largest mountain-free landform in Europe
- Stretches from the Pyrenees in the west to the Ural Mountains in the east
- Extends 2,000 miles
- Successful agricultural area



European Plain



EUROPE

0 Miles 300
0 Kilometers 500

Northern European Plain

