

Warm-Up

Which country is the largest country in the world?

Russia



What does a political map show?

Boundaries of different countries

Check your Political Map of Europe

_____ Belgium

_____ France

_____ Germany

_____ Italy

_____ Poland

_____ Russia

_____ Spain

_____ Ukraine

_____ United Kingdom



Opening:

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- **location affects a society's economy, culture, and development.**

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Vocabulary Terms - Organizer

What is a **peninsula?**

A piece of land surrounded on three sides by water and connected to a larger mass of land

What is a **plain?**

A large area of flat or gently rolling land with little forest areas

What is a **plateau?**

An elevated plain, usually with at least one steeply dropping or rising side.

What is a **strait?**

A narrow stretch of water that connects 2 larger bodies of water.

What is a **channel?**

A length of water wider than a strait, joining two larger areas of water, especially two seas

Peninsula



Think “Florida”



Think “Italy”



Think “Iberian” Peninsula



Think “Baja” California

Channel



The English Channel



Plains

North European Plain in Europe and the Great Plains of North America



Plateau



Before the advent of modern transportation, the many waterways were vital to the growth of Europe.

Water surrounds almost the entire continent.

The southern coast of Europe borders the warm waters of the

[*Mediterranean Sea.*](#)

(Color blue and label)

Crossroads for 3 continents

(Europe, Africa, & Asia)



Mediterranean Sea



English Channel

Waterway between Great Britain and France. It is 150 miles wide at its widest and only 21 miles wide at its narrowest. (Label and color blue)



The Chunnel is an undersea rail tunnel Linking the United Kingdom and the rest Of Europe. It is 31.4 miles long.



Europe has an extensive river system.

Major Rivers

Rhine River

Danube River

Volga River

These rivers allowed for movement of goods, people, & ideas throughout the continent in the past.



Rhine River

(Color Blue and label)



Longest and one of the Most imp. rivers in Europe.

Navigable (deep & wide) for carrying trade goods inland.



Flows north though Germany to the North Sea.



Danube River *(Color Blue and label)*



Flows through 10 different European countries.

One of the most important commercial waterways on the continent.

2nd longest river in Europe

Begins in Germany's Black Forest and ends in the Black Sea.



Landforms of Europe

Europe is sometimes called a
“continent of peninsulas.”

This is because several large
peninsulas, or bodies of
land surrounded by water
on three sides, form the
European continent.



Iberian Peninsula

(Color Orange/Peach)



Includes: Spain & Portugal
2nd largest peninsula in Europe
Lies west of France

Scandinavian Peninsula

(Color Orange/Peach)

Includes: Norway

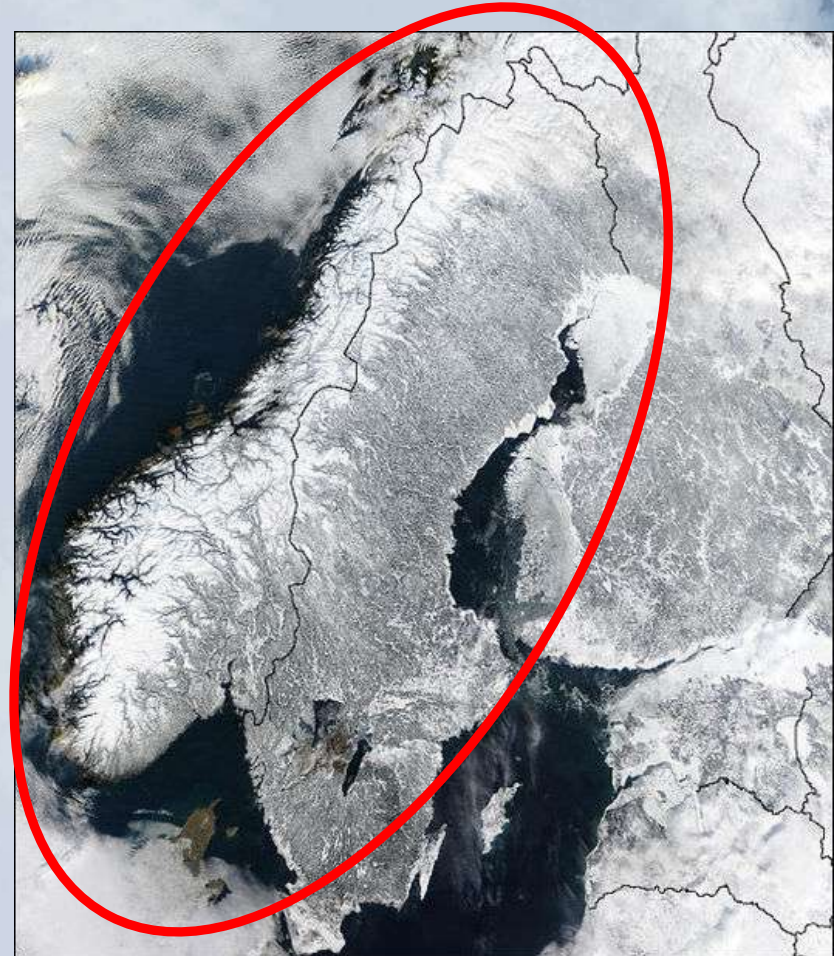
&

Sweden

& Northern Finland



Rich in timber, iron, and copper



Landforms of Europe

Along the jagged shorelines of the Scandinavian Peninsula are fjords.

A fjord is a long, narrow, deep inlet of the sea located between steep cliffs.

These were carved by glaciers during the last ice age.



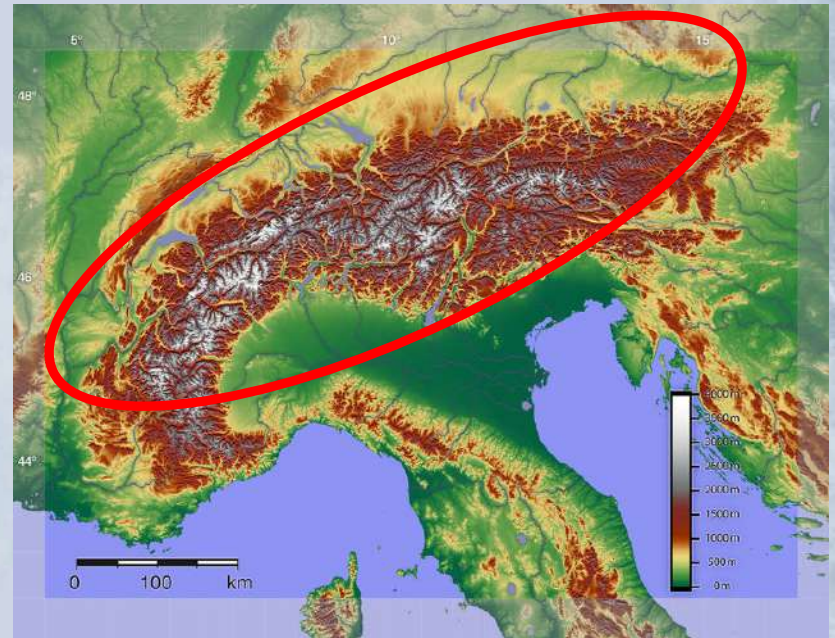
Landforms of Europe

Much of Europe is covered with mountains.



All of the peninsulas we just saw contain mountain ranges. The highest mountains in Europe are the Alps.

Draw brown peaks to show location of mts.



The Alps

Major Tourist Destination



Pyrenees Mountains separate the countries **Spain** and **France** and the **Iberian Peninsula** from the rest of Europe

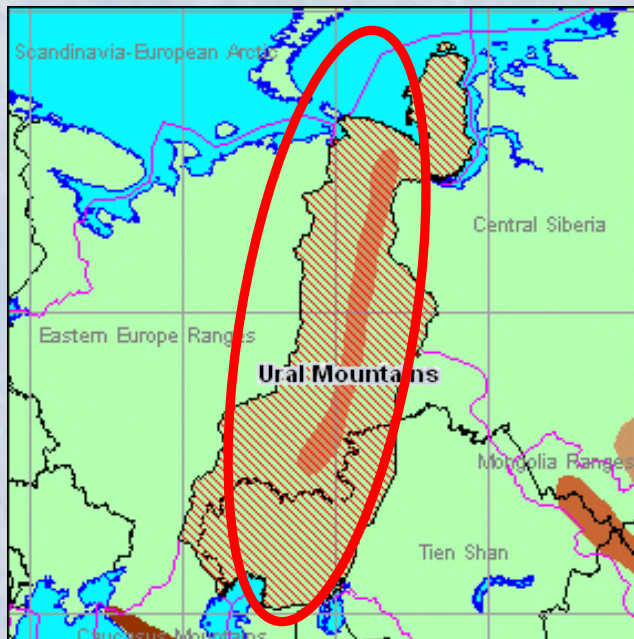
(draw brown peaks for the Pyrenees)



The Ural Mountains divide the continent of Europe from Asia.

(Draw brown peaks)

The people on the western side of the Urals have more of a European culture, whereas those on the eastern side have a more Asiatic culture.



Not all of Europe is mountainous.

A large region called the Great or North European Plain stretches from the coast of France to the Ural Mountains making it one of the largest level land areas on earth.

This land is good for farming.

Most people live on the plains.

Color the plains green and label



The North European Plain is home to some of the world's best farmland. It also contains many rivers, which made it a great place to live in the days before modern transportation & grocery stores.



A plain is a large, flat area of land, usually with few or little forest cover.

