## Social Studies Global Geography: Academic Unit 5: Europe

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Essential Understandings	<ul> <li>Political, physical, economic, social, historic, and environmental factors contributed to the development of this region.</li> </ul>
Essential Questions	<ul> <li>What are the different cultural groups?</li> <li>What is Europe's role in the world today?</li> <li>What events from medieval history influenced Europe?</li> </ul>
Essential Knowledge	<ul> <li>Challenges that face this region include :         <ul> <li>Farming/food for an arid land with an increasing population</li> <li>Economic and environmental developments</li> </ul> </li> <li>Political and physical features shape the region.</li> <li>History of a region shapes it characteristics.</li> <li>Cultural and religious characteristics shape the region.</li> </ul>
Vocabulary	<ul> <li><u>Terms</u>:         <ul> <li>sequent occupancy, constitutional monarchy, primate city, European Union, socialism, balance of power, fjords, polders, exclave, ghetto, complementary region, autonomy, microstate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Essential Skills	<ul> <li>Use a timeline to show patterns that developed in this region.</li> <li>Identify defining events in the history of this region.</li> <li>Draw place and/or feature locations.</li> <li>Identify names, locations, and characteristics of political and physical features.</li> <li>Explain historical and cultural changes.</li> <li>Show how resources and economics are related.</li> </ul>
Related Maine Learning Results	<ul> <li><u>Social Studies</u></li> <li>D. Geography</li> <li>D1.Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns Students understand the geography of the United States and various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future.</li> <li>b. Describe the major regions of the Earth and their major physical, environmental, and cultural features using a variety of geographic tools.</li> <li>c. Analyze local, national, and global geographic data on physical, environmental, and cultural processes that shape and change places and regions.</li> </ul>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul> <li>Examine the various groups that conquered Cordoba and their contributions to Spanish and European culture.</li> </ul>
Sample Classroom Assessment	<ul> <li>Short essay or paper</li> </ul>

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Methods	
Sample Resources	<ul> <li><u>Publications:</u> <ul> <li><u>World Geography Today</u> – Holt, Rinehart 2003</li> </ul> </li> </ul>