

## Europe Physical Geography Activity

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Use the ***Student World Atlas***, pages 84-89 (unless otherwise noted).

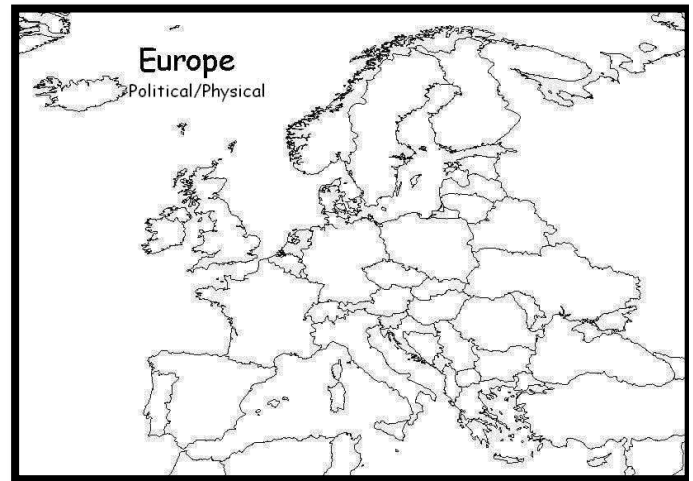
1. List a major river found in each of the following countries/regions:

- a. United Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Western Germany/Netherlands \_\_\_\_\_
- c. France \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Italy \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Southern Germany/Austria- Hungary \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Western Russia (feeding into the Caspian Sea) \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Western Russia (feeding into the Black Sea) \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are some of the major peninsulas found in Western Europe? (list 5)

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Discuss ways in which the rivers have impacted trade and the diffusion of ideas over time.



4. What economic advantages did Western Europe have over Eastern Europe based on the river system and access to the Atlantic Ocean? Do those advantages still exist?

5. Looking at the World Physical map on page 15, what unique problem does Russia have with access to the rest of the world? [Hint: Think about the rivers and the direction they flow. Think about distance and the movement of people and products.]

6. Looking at a climate map, what is the major climate found in the following regions?

- a. Western Europe (north)(Ireland to Germany) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Western Europe (south)(Portugal to Greece) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Former Eastern Bloc Countries \_\_\_\_\_

7. What factor explains the warmer climate on the southern part of Iceland?
8. What accounts for Eastern Europe being drier than Western Europe?
9. Why is the climate for the European mainland much milder (i.e. Winters not as harsh, less snow, etc.) than might otherwise be found at this Middle Latitude location?
10. In which location was the coldest temperature in Europe recorded? \_\_\_\_\_ The hottest temperature? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What type of vegetation is present in the Mediterranean climate area?
12. What type of vegetation is found on the Scandinavian Peninsula and Northern Russia region that is not seen in other parts of Europe?
13. What type of vegetation is found in Western Europe [Ireland to Germany]? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which part of Europe is most affected by acid rain and is at the highest risk of desertification?
15. Which region in Europe has been the least effected by deforestation?
16. In which sea is oil most likely available?
17. Which countries in Europe have oil available?
18. Which country has access to bauxite?
19. What resources found in Germany helped them to develop as an early industrial center?
20. What is the predominant land use in the Alps today?

**Bonus:** Who controls the Strait of Gibraltar? The Suez Canal? The Bosphorus and Dardanelles Straits? What is significant about these locations?