

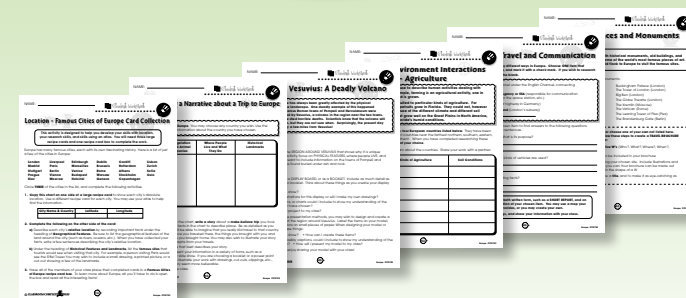
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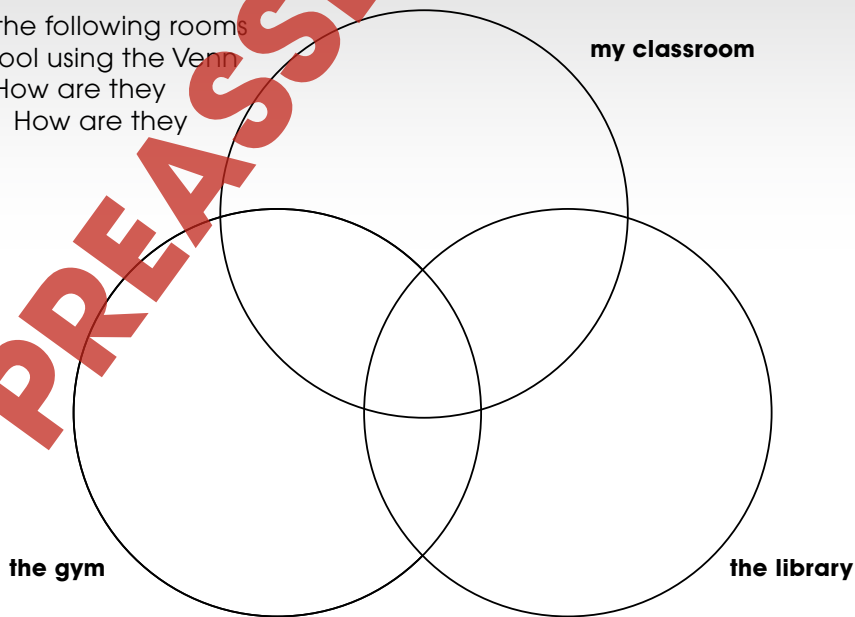


Europe - Regions

1. Match the word on the left to its definition on the right. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | peninsula | The features of a place that help us recognize and describe it. They may include mountains, valleys, plains, forests, deserts, or bodies of water. | A |
| 2 | climate | A long area of land that is surrounded by water on both sides and at its tip. It is connected to the mainland at one end, stretching out from the mainland like a finger. | B |
| 3 | vegetation | The weather conditions of an area, including winds, temperature, and precipitation. | C |
| 4 | physical characteristics | The plants that grow in a particular place. | D |

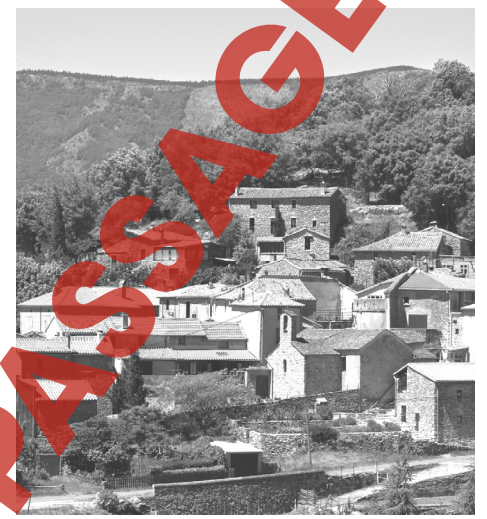
2. Compare the following rooms in your school using the Venn diagram. How are they the same? How are they different?



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Geographers use the word **region** to describe an area of land. A region can be either small or large, and can be studied over time to see how it changes. A region is described by the **features** that make it **unique**. Geographers look at a region's **physical characteristics**, such as mountain ranges or **vegetation**, to see how it is different from others. Another way to describe a region is by **language**, or by looking at where, how, and why people live in a certain area. Europe has a wide variety of regions.



Provence is in southeastern France at the southern part of the Alps. It is a hilly region that borders on the Mediterranean Sea. It is known for its warm **climate** and beautiful scenery. Ancient Roman ruins can be found in Provence. The bridges in the town of Avignon are famous in song. Artists have painted its fields of **lavender** and sunflowers, and stories have been written about the small villages found throughout the hills. However, when the dry and cold **mistral** winds blow, people find shelter and enjoy the food and drink for which the region is famous.

What are the unique characteristics of Provence?



The Peloponnese is a region found in southern Greece. It is a **peninsula** separated from the rest of Greece by a deep canal at Corinth. The region is hilly, with twisty mountain roads. Small villages dot the landscape, with many older homes left vacant as young people moved to the cities. Winter days are mild, with cold nights, but summer days are very hot. Driving through the Peloponnese, you might see sheep, apple orchards, and people making cheese. One specialty of the region is green Kalamata olives, famous for their taste.



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1. Match the region to each of its features using arrows. The first has been done for you.

Provence

- a) a warm climate
- b) apple orchards
- c) a deep canal
- d) fields of lavender and sunflowers
- e) very hot summer days
- f) famous bridges in Avignon
- g) Kalamata olives
- h) hilly region
- i) small villages
- j) dry, cold mistral winds
- k) ancient Roman ruins

Peloponnese

2. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) Why are some homes in the Peloponnese empty?
- A they are old and unsafe
 - B younger people have left them behind and moved away to the cities
 - C people prefer newer homes
 - D prices are high
- b) Which human activities and features are studied when geographers look at a region?
- A the language(s) spoken
 - B where people live
 - C why people live where they do
 - D all of the above



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Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. Which features are used to describe a region?
- _____
- _____
4. What features make the Peloponnese unique?
- _____
- _____

Research and Extensions

5. Compare **two** different regions in Europe using the Venn diagram on the next page. You will need to conduct some simple research to find facts to include in your Venn diagram.

When collecting information, try to find answers to these questions:

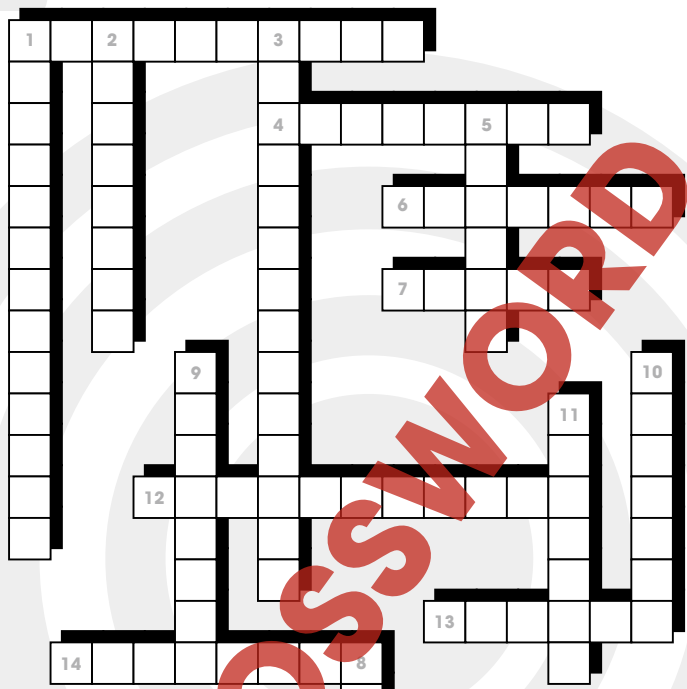
- What are the physical characteristics that make each region unique?
- What kinds of human activities take place there? Where do people live in these regions?
- What language or languages are spoken there?
- What vegetation grows in these areas?

Find answers to these questions for **two** of the following regions:

- Provence
- the Peloponnese
- the Black Forest
- the Russian steppes
- The Scottish highlands
- the Pyrenees mountains
- the Loire River region



Crossword Puzzle!



Word List

- physical
- vineyard
- unique
- population
- islands
- hemispheres
- south
- absolute
- prime meridian
- canals
- transportation
- products
- mistral
- climate
- route

Across

- 1 Europe's _____ is very large for its size
- 4 _____ location describes exactly where a place is
- 6 The temperature, rain and/or snowfall found in a place
- 7 A path taken from one place to another
- 12 Europe is found in the east and west _____
- 13 Many products are transported along _____
- 14 Things people use at home, work and school

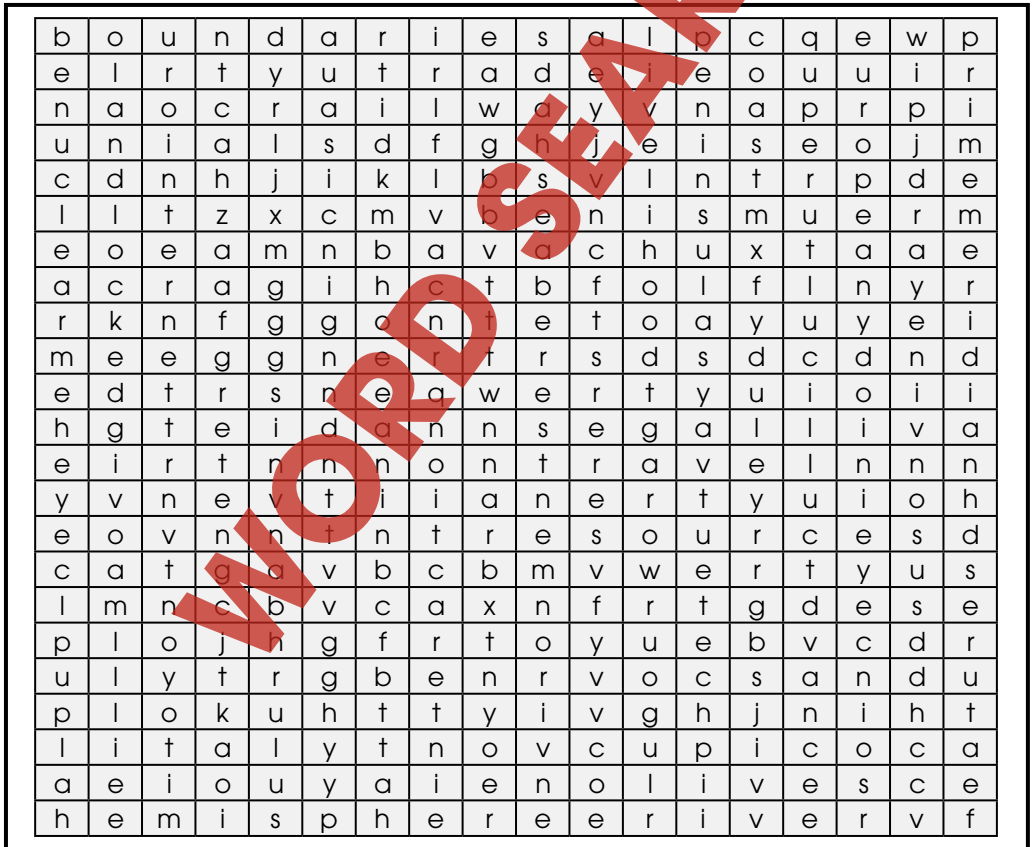
Down

- 1 The _____ divides the world into east and west
- 2 A place can be described by _____ and human characteristics
- 3 Movement involving vehicles
- 5 A region is described by its _____ features
- 8 The Mediterranean Sea lies to the _____ of Europe
- 9 Large field where grapes are grown
- 10 Some countries in Europe are _____
- 11 Provence, France is know for its cold _____ winds

Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- hemisphere
- boundaries
- landlocked
- vineyard
- travel
- environment
- resources
- nuclear
- lavender
- peninsula
- location
- climate
- continent
- coast
- trade
- interaction
- conserve
- railway
- Internet
- villages
- prime meridian
- features
- livelihood
- culture
- European
- Italy
- river
- olives



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

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Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false.

T = True
F = False

- T F** a) Most of Europe is in the eastern hemisphere.
- T F** b) The prime meridian divides the world into eastern and western hemispheres.
- T F** c) The plants that grow in a place are called vegetation.
- T F** d) Provence is a cold, snowy region of France.
- T F** e) The accident at the Chernobyl nuclear plant caused thousands to move away, and caused many illnesses and deaths.
- T F** f) Very few Europeans rely on the sea for their livelihoods.
- T F** g) Latitude and longitude are used to find a place's absolute location.
- T F** h) River and rail travel are very important in Europe.

Part B

Label the map by doing the following:

- 1. Show the following features on the map by writing the letter on the map in the correct location.

- a) Europe
- b) Asia
- c) Africa
- d) Atlantic Ocean
- e) Mediterranean Sea

- 2. Color the prime meridian red.



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SUBTOTAL: /14

Europe Transportation Map



NAME: _____

After You Read 



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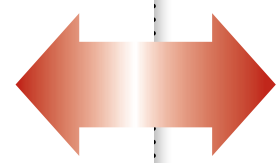
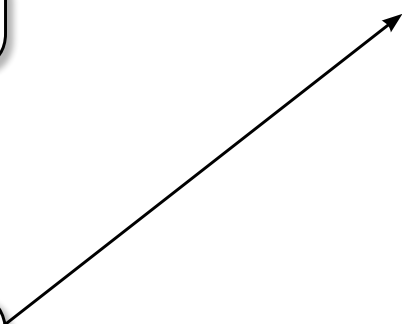


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1.

Provence
a, d, f, h, j, k

Peloponnese
b, c, e, g, i

2.

a) B

b) D

3.

Possible answers:
physical characteristics, vegetation, language

4.

Possible answers:
apple orchards, a deep canal, very hot summer days, Kalamata olives, hilly region, small villages

5.

Answers will vary

Across:

- 1. population
- 4. absolute
- 6. climate
- 7. route
- 12. hemispheres
- 13. canals
- 14. products

Down:

- 1. prime meridian
- 2. physical
- 3. transportation
- 5. unique
- 8. south
- 9. vineyard
- 10. islands
- 11. mistral



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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY



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