

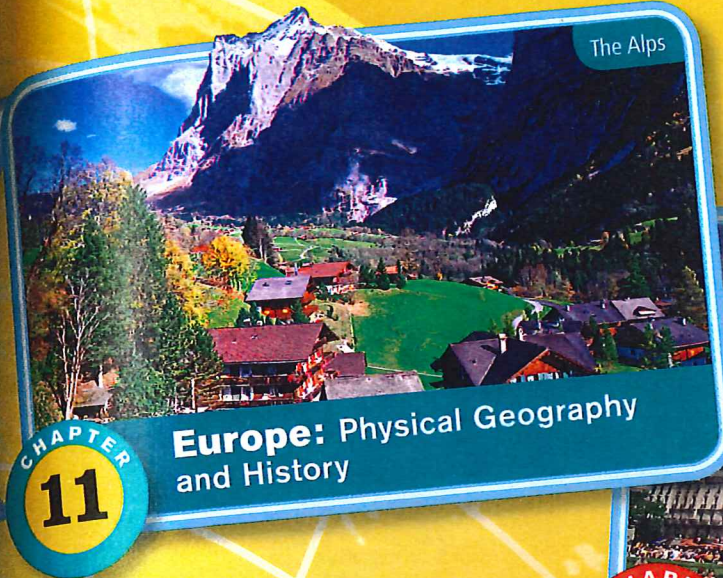
UNIT

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Europe

Why It Matters:

In the past, Europeans used the oceans and seas to make voyages for trade and to build empires. Their culture spread around the world. Today, Europeans still play a large part in world affairs.



Europe occupies the western portion of the Eurasian landmass. Many people view the Ural Mountains as the eastern border of Europe, which means that Europe includes part of Russia. However, for historic and cultural reasons, Russia and the Eurasian republics are not considered in this unit.

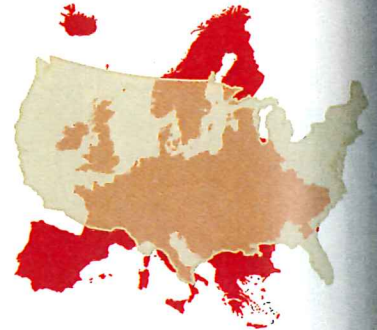
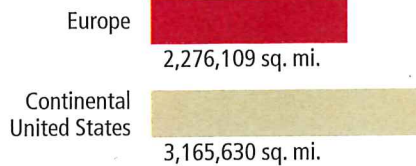
As you study the graphs on this page, compare the landmass, population, rivers, and mountains of Europe with those of the United States and the world. Then jot down the answers to the following questions in your notebook.

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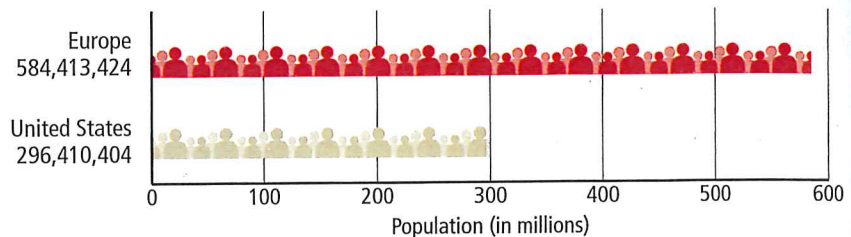
1. How does Europe compare in size to the United States?
2. Is Europe's population bigger or smaller than that of the United States? Given what you know about Europe's size, do you think that makes Europe more or less densely populated than the United States?
3. How does the Danube River compare to the Mississippi River in the United States?
4. What is the tallest peak in Europe? Is it taller or shorter than Mt. McKinley, the tallest mountain in the United States?

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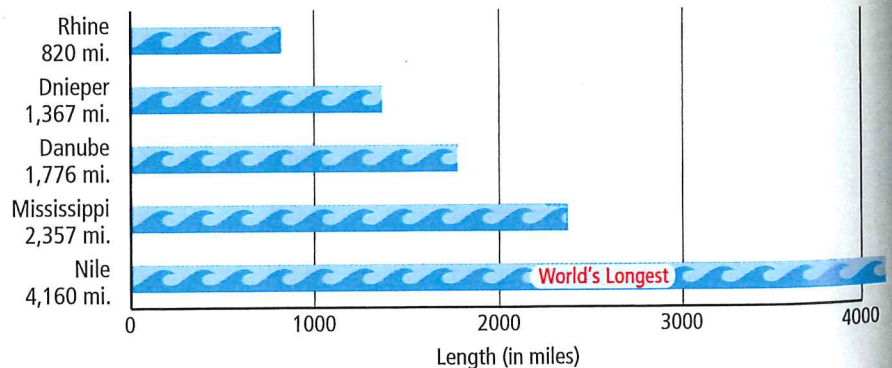
Landmass



Population



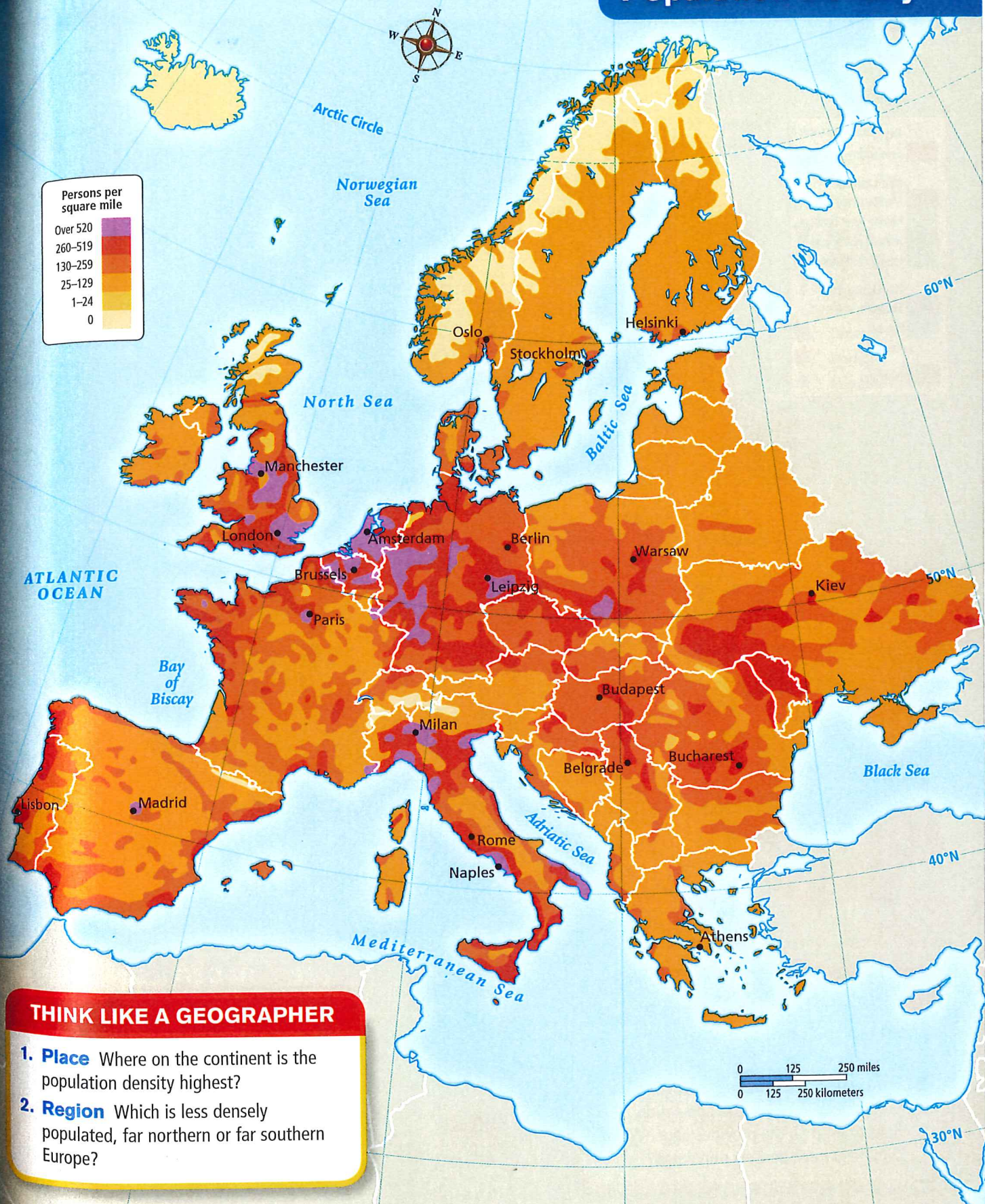
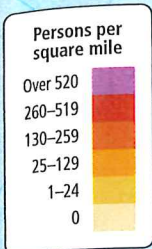
Rivers



Mountains













Population Density



THINK LIKE A GEOGRAPHER

- Place** Where on the continent is the population density highest?
- Region** Which is less densely populated, far northern or far southern Europe?

	Dry
	Semi-arid
	Mid-Latitude Mediterranean
	Marine west coast
	Humid subtropical
	Humid continental
	High Latitude Subarctic
	Tundra
	Icecap
	Highland



THINK LIKE A GEOGRAPHER

- 1. Region** What climate zone occurs most often in southern Europe?
- 2. Human-Environment Interaction** Compare this map to the population density map on the previous page. What climate is most densely populated?



THINK LIKE A GEOGRAPHER

- Human-Environment Interaction**
What activity is the majority of the land in Europe used for?
- Region** Which sea is the source of many of Europe's energy resources? What countries are most likely to benefit from these resources?

Europe

Europe is the world's second smallest continent in area, but one of the largest in population. The population is diverse, with many different cultures developing on the small landmass. The chapters in this unit provide more information about the geography, history, culture, government, and economics of Europe.



GEOGRAPHY

Europe extends from the Arctic Ocean in the north to the Mediterranean Sea in the south. Geographically, the European continent stretches from the Atlantic Ocean all the way to the Ural Mountains in Russia, but in this unit, we will mark Europe's western border where Russia begins.



HISTORY

For centuries, different groups of people settled, lived in, and fought over the lands of Europe. Though some regions are still troubled by conflict, Europe is more unified than ever before.



CULTURE

Since the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans, Europe's culture has had a global influence. European ideas about politics, science, art, philosophy, and religion have spread around the world.



GOVERNMENT

The governments of Europe come in all shapes and sizes. Some are democracies. Other nations have monarchs who govern alongside a parliament chosen by the people.



ECONOMICS

Europe has many natural resources and abundant farmland that strengthen its economies. Many European countries are also highly industrialized. The European Union has worked to continue Europe's role as an economic power.

Leaning Tower of Pisa

Construction started on this Italian monument in 1173. It began to tilt when only three of its eight stories were completed.



Unit Writing Project

Imagine that your class is planning a trip to Europe. Choose a country from this unit that you would like to visit. Write a persuasive speech to convince your classmates to pick your country for their trip.

Think About:

- specific sites you would visit
- the people you would meet
- how it differs from your home

Europe

Europe is made up of 43 different countries.



Albania

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Tiranë
Total Area: 11,100 sq. mi.
Population: 3,130,000



ECONOMY

Imports: food; machinery; minerals; clothing
Exports: clothing; metals

CULTURE

Language: Albanian
Religion: Muslim 39%; Catholic 17%



Andorra

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Andorra la Vella
Total Area: 181 sq. mi.
Population: 70,549



ECONOMY

Imports: food; tobacco; machinery
Exports: motor vehicles; photo equipment

CULTURE

Language: Catalan
Religion: Catholic 89%; nonreligious 5%



Austria

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Vienna
Total Area: 32,382 sq. mi.
Population: 8,189,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; vehicles; chemicals
Exports: transportation equipment; steel

CULTURE

Language: German
Religion: Catholic 75%; nonreligious 9%; Protestant 5%



Belgium

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Brussels
Total Area: 11,787 sq. mi.
Population: 10,419,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; medicine; food
Exports: machinery; vehicles; medicine

CULTURE

Language: Dutch; French; German
Religion: Catholic 88%; Muslim 3%



Belarus

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Minsk
Total Area: 80,155 sq. mi.
Population: 9,755,000



ECONOMY

Imports: petroleum; chemicals; food
Exports: food; petroleum; road vehicles

CULTURE

Language: Belarusian; Russian
Religion: Belarusian Orthodox 32%; Catholic 18%



Bosnia and Herzegovina

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Sarajevo
Total Area: 19,741 sq. mi.
Population: 3,907,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; chemicals; fuels
Exports: metals; clothing; wood products

CULTURE

Language: Bosnian
Religion: Sunni Muslim 43%; Serbian Orthodox 30%; Catholic 18%



Bulgaria

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Sofia
Total Area: 42,823 sq. mi.
Population: 7,726,000



ECONOMY

Imports: textiles; crude petroleum; plastics
Exports: clothing; metals; mineral fuels

CULTURE

Language: Bulgarian
Religion: Bulgarian Orthodox 72%; Sunni Muslim 12%



Croatia

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Zagreb
Total Area: 21,831 sq. mi.
Population: 4,551,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; metals; petroleum
Exports: chemicals; clothing; petroleum

CULTURE

Language: Croatian
Religion: Catholic 89%; Eastern Orthodox 6%; Sunni Muslim 2%



Czech Republic

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Prague
Total Area: 30,450 sq. mi.
Population: 10,220,000



ECONOMY
Imports: machinery; chemicals; vehicles
Exports: computers; vehicles; metals

CULTURE
Language: Czech
Religion: Catholic 40%; nonreligious 32%; Protestant 3%




Denmark

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Copenhagen
Total Area: 16,639 sq. mi.
Population: 5,431,000




ECONOMY
Imports: machinery; food; tobacco
Exports: agricultural products; swine

CULTURE
Language: Danish
Religion: Evangelical Lutheran 86%; Muslim 2%



Estonia

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Tallinn
Total Area: 17,462 sq. mi.
Population: 1,330,000



ECONOMY
Imports: textiles; food
Exports: wood; textiles; paper

CULTURE
Language: Estonian
Religion: Orthodox 20%; Evangelical Lutheran 14%




Finland

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Helsinki
Total Area: 130,559 sq. mi.
Population: 5,249,000




ECONOMY
Imports: machinery; mineral fuels; vehicles
Exports: paper products; wood products

CULTURE
Language: Finnish; Swedish
Religion: Evangelical Lutheran 85%; nonreligious 13%



France

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Paris
Total Area: 211,209 sq. mi.
Population: 60,496,000



ECONOMY
Imports: machinery; chemicals; food
Exports: aircraft; perfumes; cosmetics

CULTURE
Language: French
Religion: Catholic 82%; Muslim 7%; Protestant 4%



Germany

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Berlin
Total Area: 137,847 sq. mi.
Population: 82,689,000



ECONOMY
Imports: televisions; computers; food
Exports: televisions; medical instruments

CULTURE
Language: German
Religion: Protestant 36%; Catholic 34%; nonreligious 17%



Greece

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Athens
Total Area: 50,942 sq. mi.
Population: 11,120,000



ECONOMY
Imports: chemicals; petroleum; ships
Exports: fruits and nuts; aluminum

CULTURE
Language: Greek
Religion: Eastern Orthodox 94%; Muslim 1%



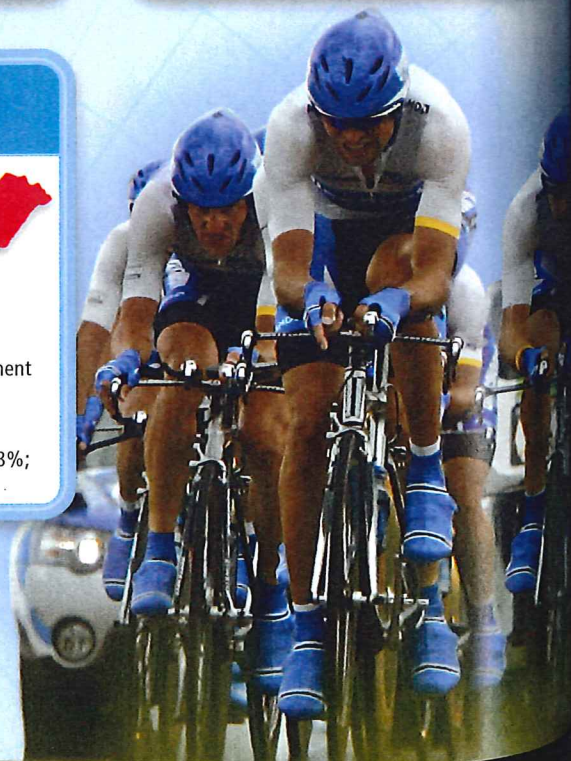
Hungary

GEOGRAPHY
Capital: Budapest
Total Area: 35,919 sq. mi.
Population: 10,098,000



ECONOMY
Imports: machinery; vehicles
Exports: telecommunications equipment

CULTURE
Language: Hungarian
Religion: Catholic 58%; Reformed 18%; nonreligious 19%



Tour de France Each year, about 200 riders compete in this famous bicycle race.



Iceland

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Reykjavik
 Total Area: 39,769 sq. mi.
 Population: 295,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; food; clothing
 Exports: fish; aluminum; medicines

CULTURE

Language: Icelandic
 Religion: Evangelical Lutheran 87%;
 Catholic 2%



Ireland

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Dublin
 Total Area: 27,135 sq. mi.
 Population: 4,148,000



ECONOMY

Imports: computers; electronics; food
 Exports: computers; recording devices

CULTURE

Language: Irish; English
 Religion: Catholic 88%; Church of Ireland
 (Anglican) 3%



Italy

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Rome
 Total Area: 116,306 sq. mi.
 Population: 58,093,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; chemicals; iron; steel
 Exports: chemicals; textile yarn and
 fabrics; food

CULTURE

Language: Italian
 Religion: Catholic 80%; nonreligious 13%



Latvia

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Riga
 Total Area: 24,938 sq. mi.
 Population: 2,307,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; chemicals; vehicles
 Exports: wood; metals; textiles

CULTURE

Language: Latvian
 Religion: Catholic 15%; Lutheran 15%;
 Orthodox 8%



Liechtenstein

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Vaduz
 Total Area: 62 sq. mi.
 Population: 33,717



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; glass and ceramics
 Exports: precision tools; food products

CULTURE

Language: German
 Religion: Catholic 80%; Protestant 8%;
 Muslim 3%



Lithuania

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Vilnius
 Total Area: 25,174 sq. mi.
 Population: 3,431,000



ECONOMY

Imports: chemicals; clothing
 Exports: mineral fuels; clothing; food

CULTURE

Language: Lithuanian
 Religion: Catholic 79%; nonreligious 10%;
 Orthodox 5%



Luxembourg

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Luxembourg
 Total Area: 998 sq. mi.
 Population: 465,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; metals; chemicals
 Exports: metals; transport equipment; food

CULTURE

Language: Luxemburgian; French
 Religion: Catholic 91%; Protestant 2%



Macedonia

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Skopje
 Total Area: 9,781 sq. mi.
 Population: 2,034,000



ECONOMY

Imports: mineral fuels; food; live animals
 Exports: clothing; iron; tobacco; beverages

CULTURE

Language: Macedonian; Albanian
 Religion: Orthodox 59%; Sunni Muslim
 28%



Malta

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Valletta
 Total Area: 122 sq. mi.
 Population: 402,000



ECONOMY

Imports: electronics; petroleum; food
 Exports: clothing; children's toys and
 games

CULTURE

Language: Maltese; English
 Religion: Catholic 95%



Republic of Moldova

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Chişinău
Total Area: 13,067 sq. mi.
Population: 4,206,000



ECONOMY

Imports: minerals; chemicals; textiles
Exports: food; textiles

CULTURE

Language: Romanian
Religion: Orthodox 46%; Muslim 6%;
Catholic 2%; Protestant 2%



Monaco

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Monaco
Total Area: 1 square mile
Population: 32,409



ECONOMY

Imports: perfumes; clothing; publishing
Exports: plastic products; glass; paper

CULTURE

Language: French
Religion: Catholic 89%; Jewish 2%



Montenegro

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Podgorica
Total Area: 5,415 sq. mi.
Population: 630,548



ECONOMY

Imports: no information available
Exports: no information available

CULTURE

Language: Serbian
Religion: Orthodox, Muslim, Catholic



Netherlands

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Amsterdam
Total Area: 16,033 sq. mi.
Population: 16,299,000



ECONOMY

Imports: computers; chemicals; food
Exports: chemicals; food; mineral fuels

CULTURE

Language: Dutch
Religion: nonreligious 43%; Catholic 31%;
Reformed 14%



Norway

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Oslo
Total Area: 125,182 sq. mi.
Population: 4,620,000



ECONOMY

Imports: road vehicles; ships; metals
Exports: crude petroleum; metals; fish

CULTURE

Language: Norwegian
Religion: Church of Norway 86%; Muslim
2%, Catholic 1%



Poland

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Warsaw
Total Area: 120,728 sq. mi.
Population: 38,530,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; textiles
Exports: food; furniture; ships

CULTURE

Language: Polish
Religion: Catholic 91%; Polish
Orthodox 1%



Portugal

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Lisbon
Total Area: 35,672 sq. mi.
Population: 10,495,000



ECONOMY

Imports: telecommunications equipment
Exports: road vehicles; clothing; fabrics

CULTURE

Language: Portuguese
Religion: Catholic 87%; nonreligious 7%



Romania

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Bucharest
Total Area: 91,699 sq. mi.
Population: 21,711,000



ECONOMY

Imports: fabrics; chemicals; petroleum
Exports: clothing; iron and steel

CULTURE

Language: Romanian
Religion: Romanian Orthodox 87%;
Protestant 6%; Catholic 5%



San Marino

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: San Marino
Total Area: 24 sq. mi.
Population: 28,880



ECONOMY

Imports: electricity; gold
Exports: postage stamps; leather
goods; ceramics; wine

CULTURE

Language: Italian
Religion: Catholic 89%



Serbia

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Belgrade
Total Area: 34,116 sq. mi.
Population: 9,396,400



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; mineral fuels
Exports: food & live animals; machinery

CULTURE

Language: Serbian
Religion: Serbian Orthodox 63%; Muslim 19%; nonreligious 13%



Slovakia

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Bratislava
Total Area: 18,859 sq. mi.
Population: 5,401,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; fuels
Exports: road vehicles; machinery; metals

CULTURE

Language: Slovak
Religion: Catholic 69%; Slovak Evangelical 7%



Slovenia

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Ljubljana
Total Area: 7,827 sq. mi.
Population: 1,967,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; vehicles; fuels
Exports: medicines and pharmaceuticals; furniture

CULTURE

Language: Slovene
Religion: Catholic 84%; nonreligious 8%



Spain

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Madrid
Total Area: 194,897 sq. mi.
Population: 43,064,000



ECONOMY

Imports: vehicles; chemicals; petroleum
Exports: fruits and vegetables; chemicals

CULTURE

Language: Castilian Spanish; Euskera (Basque); Catalan; Galician
Religion: Catholic 92%



Sweden

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Stockholm
Total Area: 173,732 sq. mi.
Population: 9,041,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; chemicals; vehicles
Exports: vehicles; electronics; medicines

CULTURE

Language: Swedish
Religion: Church of Sweden 87%; Muslim 2%; Catholic 2%



Switzerland

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Bern
Total Area: 15,942 sq. mi.
Population: 7,252,000



ECONOMY

Imports: machinery; vehicles; food
Exports: precision instruments, watches

CULTURE

Language: French; German; Italian
Religion: Catholic 42%; Protestant 35%; Muslim 4%; Orthodox 2%



Ukraine

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Kiev
Total Area: 233,090 sq. mi.
Population: 46,481,000



ECONOMY

Imports: natural gas; chemicals; food
Exports: metals; wood; food

CULTURE

Language: Ukrainian
Religion: Ukrainian Orthodox 29%; Catholic 7%; Protestant 4%



United Kingdom

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: London
Total Area: 94,526 sq. mi.
Population: 59,668,000



ECONOMY

Imports: radios; televisions; aircraft
Exports: computers; aircraft; petroleum

CULTURE

Language: English
Religion: Anglican 29%; nonreligious 16%; Catholic 11%



Vatican City

GEOGRAPHY

Capital: Vatican City
Total Area: 0.2 sq. mi.
Population: 921



ECONOMY

Imports: no information available
Exports: no information available

CULTURE

Language: Italian; Latin
Religion: Catholic

Majorca, Spain