

## Unit 2 study guide- European Geography, Culture, and Environmental Issues

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Directions: Complete the following questions using your notes from class. This study guide is due on the day of the test in class for 5 bonus points on the test.

1. What are the ~~two~~<sup>3</sup> major language groups that we discussed in class?

Germanic, Romance, and Slavic

2. Which languages are in the Romance category? Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian

3. Why is it important for the people of Europe to speak multiple languages?

So that they can communicate with and trade with each other.

4. Who is considered the father of all three monotheistic religions we discussed? Abraham

5. Define monotheism: the belief in one god.

6. What is the name of the place of worship for the Jewish faith? temples / synagogues

7. What are followers of Christianity called? Christians Islam? Muslims and Judaism? Jews

8. Where did all three major monotheistic religions begin? Southwest Asia

9. Which two continents does Russia span? Europe + Asia

10. What are the natural resources of Russia and why is it hard to get to them?

Gold, aluminum ore, coal, and iron; difficult to reach them because of harsh climate and permafrost (permanently frozen soil).

11. After 1986, Chernobyl, Ukraine, was abandoned due to a nuclear disaster. Explain the causes, effects and solutions of this environmental issue.

Cause: Nuclear reactor exploded. Effects: Radioactive spread all across Europe, people died from radiation poisoning, cancer cases increased, animals got sick and died, farmland was poisoned.

Solution: Chernobyl closed, 18-mile exclusion zone created.

12. Air pollution is the worst in the United Kingdom compared to other European countries. Explain the causes, effects and solutions of this environmental issue.

Causes: Smoke from factories, exhaust from automobiles. Effects: Asthma, pneumonia, burns the lungs, nose, and eyes, blackens buildings, harms wildlife. Solutions: Spending money and researching new ways to produce power, alternative fuel sources

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13. Germany deals with the most acid rain of all European countries. Explain the causes, effects and solutions of this environmental issue.

*Cause: Air pollution mixing with water + coming down as rain. Effects: Washes away nutrients in the soil, releases harmful substances into the soil, kills trees. Solutions: hydroelectric power, developing new types of energy, gov't passing laws to reduce pollution.*

14. What is the peninsula of southwest Europe occupied by Spain and Portugal? Its western and northern coasts are bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, and its eastern coast by the Mediterranean Sea.

*The Iberian Peninsula*

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15. What is the mountain range in southwestern Europe? They form a high wall between France and Spain; generally, the crest of the range marks the boundary between the two countries.

*The Pyrenees Mountains*

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16. What is the mountain range of western Russia forming the traditional boundary between Europe and Asia?

*The Ural Mountains*

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17. What is the body of water between France and United Kingdom that opens into the North Sea? A rail tunnel beneath it, is known as the "chunnel," connecting England and France was opened in 1994.

*The English Channel*

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18. What is the world's largest inland sea, located between southern Europe and northern Africa? (Italy sticks out into it)

*The Mediterranean Sea*

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19. What is the second longest European river that begins in Germany's Black Forest and flows all the way across Europe and down to the Black Sea?

*The Danube River*

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20. What is a vast, flat area stretching from France's Atlantic coast to the Ural Mountains in Russia? It has rich farmland containing some of the largest cities (Paris, Berlin, and Moscow).

*The European Plain*

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