



The Case for a Divided Europe?

The continent of Europe is on trial for the following crime:

DISUNITY

Our world geography class will conduct a trial where a jury will decide its fate:

Is Europe a region with increasing disunity (GUILTY) or increasing unity (INNOCENT)?

You will work with a partner on one of two teams: Research Specialists or Persuasion Experts.

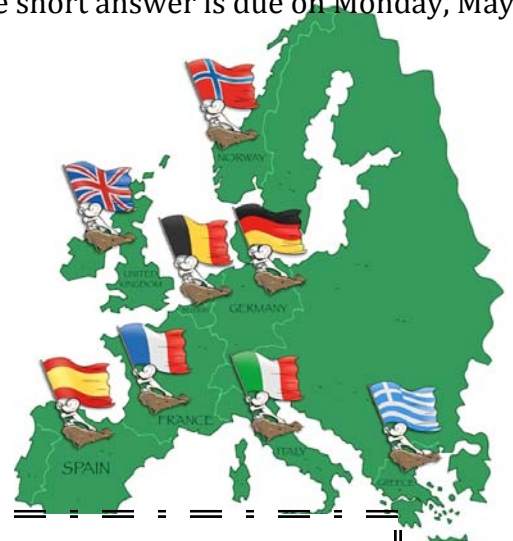
Research Specialists will use various resources (like books, websites, encyclopedias) to become experts on ONE country in Europe. They will be responsible for gathering information on the Physical, Cultural, Political and Economic Geography of their country. All information will be compiled in a **poster/Google presentation** and be presented during the European showcase.

Persuasion Experts will use various resources to prepare for trial. Each pair will focus on one area of geography: physical, cultural, political or economic and search for information that supports the increasing DISUNITY or the INCREASING unity. **Persuasion experts will present material orally during the trial as lawyers.** Some experts will argue for increasing disunity, others will argue for increasing unity.

ALL STUDENTS will be responsible for deciding Europe's fate. Students will write a short answer response answering the unit question. The short answer is due on Monday, May 18th.

Important Dates!

- Thursday, May 7: Project introduced, partners picked
- Friday, May 8 - Tuesday, May 12th: Research!
- Tuesday, May 12th: Persuasion experts assigned for or against unity.
- Thursday, May 14th - Trial
- Friday, May 15th - European Showcase
- Monday, May 18th: Decision due through Blackboard.



" persuasion expert: "

Checklist

_____Step 1: Packet Research – Use any resources to complete the questions in this packet. Each partner is responsible for finding information that supports UNITY and DISUNITY.

_____Step 2: Roundtable discussion with other Persuasion Experts on Monday.

_____Step 3: Trial Preparation in Defense and Prosecution teams. Prepare arguments and opening and closing statements. You will be assigned to be a defense (DISUNITY) or prosecution (UNITY) lawyer.


_____Step 4: Trial – Dress up and get ready to convince the jury!

_____Step 5: European Showcase – participate in the European Showcase and learn about the countries of Europe!

Is Europe a region with increasing disunity (GUILTY) or increasing unity (INNOCENT)?

Basics:

Here are the countries you should consider when researching your area of geography.

Western Europe		Eastern Europe
Ireland United Kingdom France Spain Portugal Italy Belgium Netherlands Germany Denmark Norway Sweden Finland Switzerland Vatican City Monaco Liechtenstein Greece Iceland Luxembourg		Estonia Latvia Lithuania Belarus Ukraine Moldova Romania Bulgaria Slovakia Hungary Serbia Kosovo Montenegro Macedonia Croatia Slovenia Malta Russia Poland

Physical Geography

You must search for information that supports the argument for or against DISUNITY of Europe.

THINK! Many of the countries were former Soviet satellites, are currently members of the European Union, NATO or the UN. Use this when thinking about UNITY!

Question	UNITY	DISUNITY	Source?
Total Area			
Density per square mile			
Climate Zones? (284)			

Question	UNITY	DISUNITY	Source
Vegetation? (285)			
Which major bodies of water run through this country? Are there benefits or drawback to these features?			
What are the major physical features of this country? Are there benefits or drawback to these features?			

Political Geography

You must search for countries that support the argument for or against DISUNITY of Europe.

Question	Unity	Disunity	Source
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What type of government is in place? (CIA)

Brief History – you may do a timeline or a summary of major events

Economic Geography

Count and list specific countries!
Use the CIA Factbook, Almanac or your
textbook (274) to gather this data.

Demographic:	UNITY	DISUNITY	Source
Currency			
Population Distribution – Urban & Rural			
Life Expectancy-			
Birth Rate per 1000			
Death Rate per 1000			
Literacy Rate			

Demographic	Unity	Disunity	Source
Per Capita GDP			
Level of Development? \$0-5,000: Developing Over \$10,000: Developed			
Major Exports			
Major Imports			
Industries? How do people make money?			

Cultural Geography

Search through your resources to for data that will support your argument for unity or disunity.

Question	UNITY	DISUNITY	Source
Major Religions? 311			
Languages spoken?			
Famous Monuments (Please write city!)			

Question	UNITY	DISUNITY	Source
Major Ethnic Groups?			
Other culture traits – traditional dance, music, food?			

Other culture facts?

Argument Rough Draft - UNITY

Take a moment to create outline your argument for unity using your specialty of geography (physical, cultural, political or economic).

HOOK!	
Argument with 3 Examples	
Close	

Argument Rough Draft - DISUNITY

Take a moment to create outline your argument for disunity using your specialty of geography (physical, cultural, political or economic).

HOOK!	
Argument with 3 Examples	
Close	

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