

# 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates!

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



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# Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_Step 1: Packet Research – Use any resources to complete the questions in this packet. Each partner is responsible for two areas of geography.

ME:                      Political                      Physical                      Cultural                      Economic

My Partner:              Political                      Physical                      Cultural                      Economic

\_\_\_\_\_Step 2: Poster or Google Presentation – You and your partner will create a poster or presentation that shows your information. It should be colorful and creative! Go for the WOW factor!

\_\_\_\_\_Step 3: European Showcase – You and your partner should be prepared to present the material you researched during the European Showcase. Remember to go for the WOW factor – share part of the culture with your classmates through song, dance or food!

\_\_\_\_\_Step 4: Trial – Pay attention and take notes during the trial. You will have a chance to see posters from other groups. Make sure you gather enough information to answer this question:

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## Basics:

Use the CIA factbook website or the Almanac to complete the following chart. Color in your country on the map below

Country Name:	
Conventional Long Name:	
Capital:	
Absolute Location of Capital:	
Member of the European Union?	
Flag (draw a picture)	

# Physical Geography

Complete the questions below. You may BULLET your answers. The more information, the better! Become an EXPERT.

Question	Answer	Where did you get this info?
Total Area		
Density per square mile		
Which climate zones are found in this country? (284)		
What kind of vegetation is found in this country? (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?		



Other cool physical geography facts?

# Political Geography

Complete the questions below. You may BULLET your answers. The more information, the better! Become an EXPERT.

← Color in your country here. Thanks!

Question	Answer	Where did you get this info?
What type of government is in place? (CIA)		
Who is their chief of state (leader)? (CIA)		
Age to vote (suffrage)? (CIA)		
How do they elect their leader? (CIA)		
Brief History – you may do a timeline or a summary of major events		

Other cool political geography facts?

# Economic Geography

Complete the chart using the 2011 World Almanac, your textbook or the CIA Factbook website.

Demographic:	Answer:
Currency	
Population Distribution – Urban & Rural	Urban:                                  Rural:
Life Expectancy-	Male:                                  Female:
Birth Rate per 1000	
Death Rate per 1000	
Literacy Rate	
Per Capita GDP	
Level of Development? \$0-5,000: Developing Over \$10,000: Developed	
Major Exports	
Major Imports	
Industries? How do people make money?	

Other Cool economic facts?

# Cultural Geography

Complete the questions below. You may BULLET your answers. You may want to present this data in a chart or pie graph on your final poster.

Question	Answer	Where did you get this info?
Major Religions?		
Languages spoken?		
Famous Monuments (Please write city!)		
Major Ethnic Groups?		
Other culture traits – traditional dance, music, food?		

Other cool cultural facts?



# Extra Note Page



# *Rough Draft of Poster*