**Geography of Europe Review Sheet**

**Physical features**

* English Channel- narrow sea that separates the United Kingdom and France
* Rhine River- busiest shipping route in the world
* Danube River- second longest river in Europe
* Mediterranean Sea- world’s largest inland sea and located between Europe, Africa and Asia
* Iberian Peninsula- contains Spain and Portugal
* Scandinavian Peninsula- in Northern Europe and contains Norway and Sweden
* European Plain- large, flat area ideal for commercial farming
* Pyrenees Mountains- separates the Iberian Peninsula from the rest of Europe
* Alps Mountains- across the top of Italy
* Ural Mountains- separates Europe from Asia

**Location, climate, and natural resources impacting where people live**

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|  | **Russia** | **Germany** | **United Kingdom** |
| Location | - Largest landmass in Europe (and Asia) but limited water access | - Mainland Europe with access to many waterways | - Group of islands in Northwestern Europe (surrounded by water) |
| Climate | - Western Russia: cool summers and harsh winters  - Eastern Russia: much of the land is frozen all year (permafrost) | - Mild/moderate temperatures due to the Gulf Stream  - Average amount of rain (mostly in summer) | - Mild temperatures due to the Gulf Stream  - Lots of rain |
| Natural resources | - Timber (deforestation is an issue though)  - Coal  - Metals (gold, iron ore, aluminum) | - Coal, iron ore  - Arable (farmable) land | - Coal, iron ore  - Arable (farmable) land  - Natural gas, petroleum |
| Where people live | - Most live on the European side of the country due to a more favorable climate | - In urban areas (cities) - Many are found along the Rhine River | - In urban areas (cities) where there are many mining and service industry jobs |

**Environmental Issues**

* Acid rain in Germany
  + Cause: power plants burning fossil fuels, and auto emissions put noxious gases into the atmosphere
  + Effect: pollutes water sources and fisheries, harms plant life, and damages buildings and statues
  + Solution: passing laws to reduce emissions, and change from burning coal to using hydroelectric, solar, and wind energy
* Air pollution in London, England (United Kingdom)
  + Cause: factory smog (smoke combined with fog), burning coal, and exhaust from vehicles
  + Effect: health concerns and threatens wildlife
  + Solution: public transportation encouraged, promote cleaner burning coal, and stricter emission standards
* Nuclear disaster in Chernobyl, Ukraine
  + Cause: a nuclear reactor explosion spread radiation across Europe
  + Effect: soil and water contamination, killed plants/animals, high number of birth defects, cancer or death
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**Religions**

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|  | **Judaism** | **Christianity** | **Islam** |
| Followers | Jews | Christian | Muslim |
| Sacred text | Torah | Bible | Qu’ran (or Koran) |
| Place of worship | Synagogue | Church | Mosque |
| Monotheistic (one god) or polytheistic (more than one god)? | Monotheistic | Monotheistic | Monotheistic |
| Commonality in Europe today | Least practiced (due to the Holocaust) | Most practiced | One of the fastest growing faiths |

**Languages**

* Most schoolchildren in Europe are required to learn one or two others besides their native language
* English is the language of business in Europe and widely spoken as a second language
* Three major language groups
  + Romantic: Western and Southern Europe
    - Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Italian
    - Have roots from Latin (Romans spoke Latin- hence Romantic)
  + Germanic: Central and Northern Europe
    - English, German, Dutch, and Norwegian
  + Slavic: Eastern Europe
    - Russian, Polish, and Ukrainian
    - Use a Cyrillic alphabet

**Latitude and longitude**

* Latitude: imaginary lines going around the earth horizontally and measured in degrees North or South of the equator
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