

EUROPE

GEOGRAPHIC UNDERSTANDINGS

SS6G8 The student will locate selected features of Europe.

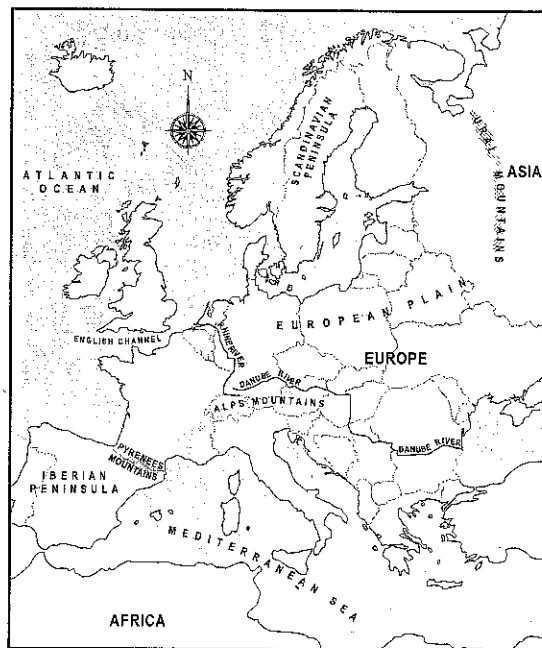
- a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map: Danube River, Rhine River, English Channel, Mediterranean Sea, European Plain, the Alps, Pyrenees, Ural Mountains, Iberian Peninsula, and Scandinavian Peninsula.

LOCATING PHYSICAL FEATURES OF EUROPE

To get to know Europe, you must understand its features, both land and water. Look at the map of Europe below and find the Atlantic Ocean. The Atlantic Ocean is on the eastern side of the United States, but it is on the western side of Europe. Put your finger on the large island off the northwest coast of Europe. The water that separates this island from the rest of the continent is the **English Channel**. Move your finger south along the coast of Europe until you reach another large body of water that joins the Atlantic Ocean. This is the **Mediterranean Sea**. It also touches the continent of Africa.

Europe has many peninsulas. The **Iberian Peninsula** is the landmass found where the Mediterranean Sea joins the Atlantic Ocean. Put your finger on the Iberian Peninsula. Moving north, your finger will cross the **Pyrenees Mountains**, a natural border between the Iberian Peninsula and the rest of Europe. The Pyrenees Mountains form the western border of the **European Plain**. This plain extends from France to Russia. It ranges from 50 to 1,500 miles wide. The eastern border of the plain is the Ural Mountains. Some of the world's best farmland is on this plain.

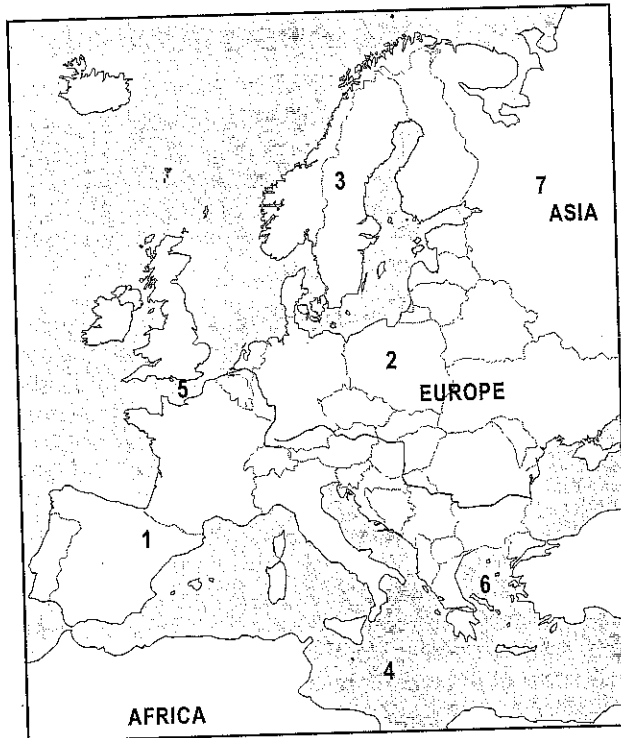
Now move your finger east from the Pyrenees. As your finger enters the European Plain, you will cross the **Rhine River**. The Rhine River begins in the **Alps**, the mountain range that forms the southern border of the European Plain. The European Plain contains another important river, the **Danube River**. The Danube and the Rhine rivers form natural political boundaries for many European countries. Locate the Danube River, the Rhine River, and the Alps. Continue north from the Alps to the **Scandinavian Peninsula**, the largest peninsula in Europe. Move your finger east to the **Ural Mountains**, the eastern boundary of the European Plain. The Ural Mountains, running in a north-south direction, also mark the northern border between the continents of Europe and Asia.



Physical Map
of Europe

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Use the following map to answer questions 278-281.



278. Which physical feature is located near the "1" on the map?
- A. Rhine River
 - B. Ural Mountains
 - C. Pyrenees Mountains
 - D. Scandinavian Peninsula
279. Which physical feature is located near the "2" on the map?
- A. Atlantic Ocean
 - B. European Plain
 - C. Ural Mountains
 - D. Iberian Peninsula
280. Which number on the map marks the Mediterranean Sea?
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 5
 - D. 6
281. Which number on the map marks the English Channel?
- A. 5
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. not shown

SS6G8. The student will locate selected features of Europe.

b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, and United Kingdom.

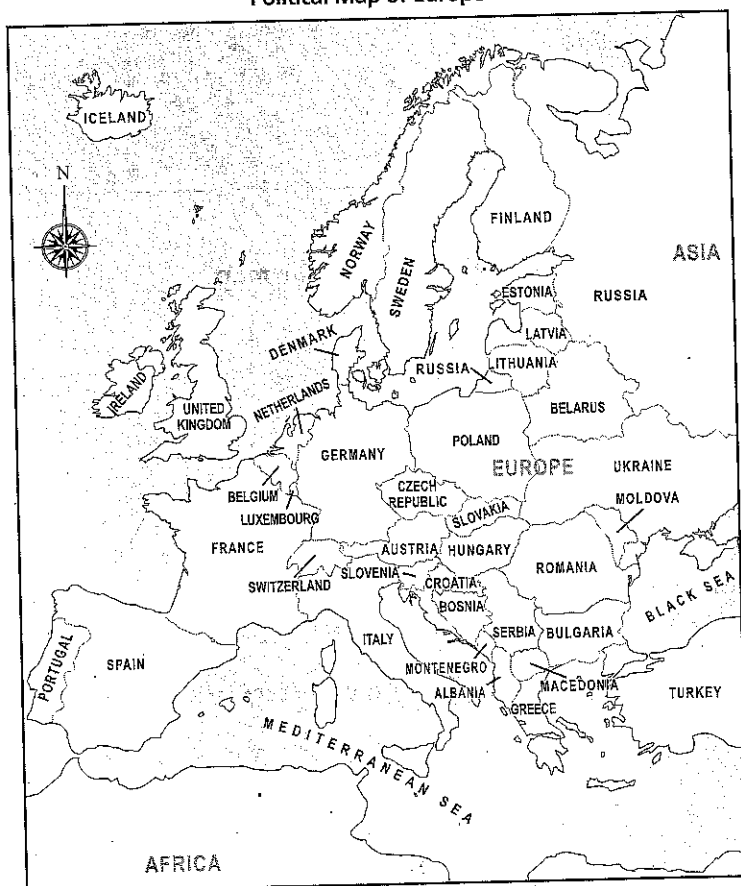
LOCATING COUNTRIES IN EUROPE

Many countries, both large and small, make up the continent of Europe. Put your finger on the **United Kingdom**. It is an island country off the northwestern coast of Europe. The United Kingdom contains the island of Great Britain, the northeastern part of the island of Ireland, and many other smaller islands. Move your finger to the south, across the English Channel to the country of **France**. France has many natural borders: the Pyrenees Mountains, the Alps, and the English Channel.

From France, move your finger to the southwest across the Pyrenees Mountains and enter the country of **Spain**. Spain is on the Iberian Peninsula. Spain is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the south and east. Move east across the Mediterranean with your finger, and you will find the boot-shaped peninsula of **Italy**. The country of Italy also includes two of the largest Mediterranean islands, Sardinia and Sicily.

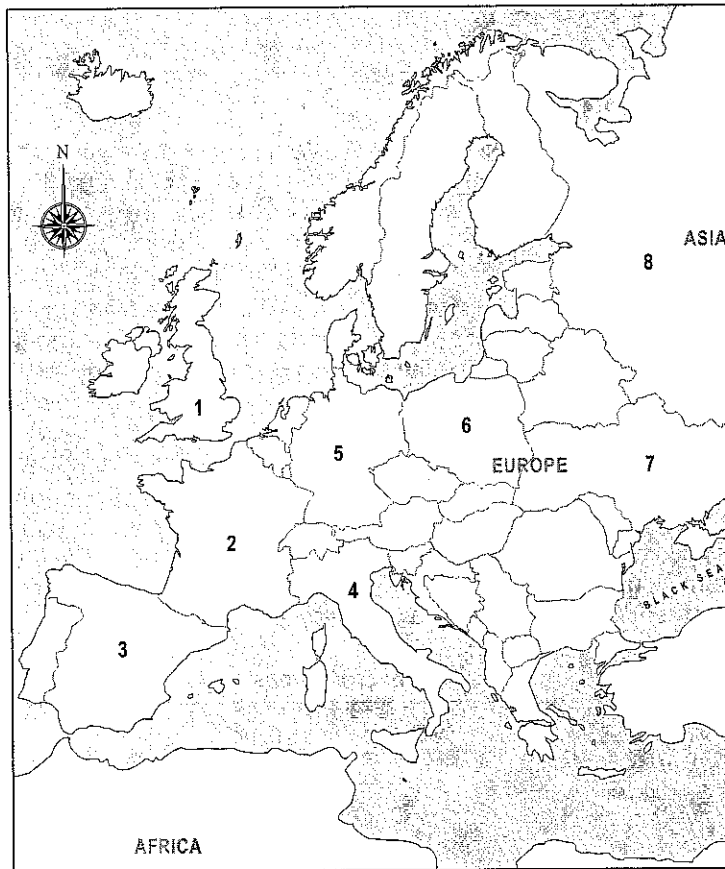
Moving north from Italy, your finger will cross the Alps and enter the country of **Germany**, located in Central Europe. Germany is bordered on the west by the tiny country of **Belgium**. On Germany's eastern border is the country of **Poland**. Move your finger to the southeast to find **Ukraine**. One of the largest countries in Europe, Ukraine is mostly plateaus and fertile plains. The Danube River forms one of Ukraine's natural boundaries. Continue northeast into **Russia**, the largest country in the world. Russia covers all of northern Asia and almost half of Europe.

Political Map of Europe



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Use the following map to answer question 282-287.



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- ___ 282. Which country is located at the "3" on the map?
- A. Spain
 - B. France
 - C. Belgium
 - D. Germany
- ___ 283. Which country is located at the "4" on the map?
- A. Italy
 - B. Poland
 - C. Russia
 - D. Ukraine
- ___ 284. Which number on the map marks the country of Germany?
- A. 3
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 8

_____ 285. Which number on the map marks the United Kingdom?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 7
- D. 8

_____ 286. Which of the numbered countries is northernmost on the map?

- A. Italy
- B. Spain
- C. Russia
- D. United Kingdom

_____ 287. Which countries share a border?

- A. Italy and Russia
- B. Ukraine and Spain
- C. Poland and Germany
- D. United Kingdom and France