

Title: *European Union Map Quest*

Subject(s) *Social Studies, Language Arts*

Grade: 6

Brief Description: *Students will identify and label countries of the European Union. In addition, students will practice map reading skills.*

Time: One class period

Objectives:

- To locate and label countries of the European Union
- To locate information through map reading

Materials needed:

- Panorama of the European Union map
- Map of the world
- European Union Map Quests worksheet
- Blank map of Europe
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils

**Teacher Note: Blank map of Europe can be downloaded and printed at

<http://geography.about.com/library/blank/blxeurope.htm>

Procedure:

1. Ask students to identify Europe on a wall map. Students will locate countries of Europe as teacher calls out names of various countries.
2. Pair students for the European Union Map Quest activity and distribute the "Panorama of the European Union" map.
3. Explain to students that the yellow on the map represents countries in the European Union. Ask students why they think the European Union was formed. Inform students the purpose of the EU is to foster cooperation among the peoples of Europe and to promote unity while preserving diversity. Ask students to locate the motto of the EU on the map. Discuss its meaning. The EU is like a family of democratic European countries who are committed to working together for peace and prosperity. Just like the United States is composed of states working together, the states in the EU also work together.
4. Distribute blank maps of Europe to each student.
5. Distribute and explain the European Union Map Quest worksheet.
6. Reassemble class to review and edit map quest activity.

Assessment:

- Group Interaction
- Student Participation
- Completion of European Union Map Quest worksheet

Extension:

- Locate and label capitals of the European Union countries on the map from this lesson.
- Select one country of the European Union. Draw a map of the country. Locate and label the capital, major cities and landforms.
- Replicate the flag of the European Union.

Standard Course of Study:

- Social Studies Skill Competency Goals: 3
- Language Arts: Competency Goal: 2

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“Panorama of the European Union”
Map Quest Worksheet

Directions: On a blank map of Europe, complete numbers 1-10. Use the “Panorama of the European Union” map as a resource. Underline key words and phrases in the sentences below.

1. Locate and label the states of the European Union. Color the states of the European Union yellow.
2. Locate and label the bodies of water that border the European Union. Color the bodies of water blue.
3. Color the country red that is largest in area.
4. Color the country green that is smallest in area.
5. Outline in purple the country that has the smallest population.
6. Outline in brown the country that has the highest per capita gross domestic product.
7. With your pencil, shade the countries that are candidates for the EU.
8. Outline in orange the country that has the largest population.
9. Draw a compass rose on your map. Label cardinal and intermediate directions.
10. Create a key for your map and give your map a title.

