Guided Reading Activity

Northern and Southern Europe

Lesson 1  Physical Geography of the Regions

Essential Question:  How do people adapt to their environment?

Landforms and Waterways

Directions:  As you read the section, use your textbook to identify one example of each type of landform or waterway in Northern Europe and one example in Southern Europe.

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Contrasting Climates

Directions: Use your textbook to label the climate of each region described below.

1. _______________ Western Norway has a mild climate with mild winters and cool summers. It is warmed slightly by the warm water of the Norwegian Current.

2. _______________ Finland has harsh, cold winters and hot summers. Its climate is not influenced by the seas.

3. _______________ Most of Southern Europe has warm or hot summers and cool or mild winters. The region has a rainy spring and fall, but a dry summer.

4. _______________ The Meseta Central in Spain has cold winters and hot summers. High elevation and mountain barriers cause dry winds and drought conditions all year.

5. _______________ Northern Italy, near the Alps, has colder winters and the snow is heavy at higher elevations.

Natural Resources

Directions: Use your textbook to fill in the blanks with information about the rich resources of Northern and Southern Europe.

1. The most important plant resources in Southern Europe are _______________ and _______________. In Northern Europe, the most important plant resource is _______________.

2. Norway is Europe’s biggest exporter of _______________ and one of Europe’s biggest exporters of _______________.

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3. Northern Europe also has rich deposits of ________________, such as iron ore, copper, titanium, lead, nickel, zinc, and gold.

4. Denmark, Sweden, and Norway use alternative energy sources to supply electricity. These include ________________, ________________, and ________________.

5. ________________ is an important industry for countries along the shores of the North Sea in Northern Europe, the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, and the Mediterranean Sea in Southern Europe.