

Critical Thinking Skills

Europe

Skills For Critical Thinking		Reading Comprehension				
		Location	Place	Human & Environment Interactions	Movement	Regions
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match • Show or Label • List Information • Recall Details (5Ws + H) • Find Information 	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe & Compare • Summarize • Explain • Select 	✓ ✓		✓ ✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize Information • Interview • Apply 	✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclude • Analyze 		✓	✓ ✓		✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design • Create 				✓ ✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate • Compare 			✓ ✓		✓ ✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



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1. You be the teacher! Someone has matched the word on the left to the definition on the right. Are they correct? If **yes**, mark it correct with a check mark in the box beside each. If **no**, write an X in the box and correct the work by drawing an arrow to the correct definition. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

<input type="checkbox"/> hemisphere	<input type="checkbox"/> latitude	<input type="checkbox"/> longitude	<input type="checkbox"/> climate	<input type="checkbox"/> prime meridian	<p>Lines we have drawn on a map to find the location of a place north or south of the equator.</p> <p>An imaginary line of longitude running from the North Pole to the South Pole through Greenwich, England. It divides the world into the eastern and western hemispheres.</p> <p>One of the two shapes made by cutting a sphere in half.</p> <p>Lines we have drawn on a map to find the location of a place east or west of the prime meridian.</p> <p>A word that is used to describe the usual temperature, the rain or snowfall, and the winds found in a certain place.</p>	<p>A</p> <p>B</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p> <p>E</p>
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2. On the map, show the prime meridian as a **red** line. Color the lines of latitude **yellow**, and the lines of longitude **green**.





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Describing Europe's **location** can be done in two ways. If we describe Europe's **absolute location**, we are describing exactly where it is found. When we describe Europe's **relative location**, we describe the things around it and the things that connect it to other places.



A continent like Europe is very large, so it is difficult to give its absolute location. We describe a place's absolute location by looking at where lines of **latitude** and **longitude** cross. If we tried to give the absolute location of Europe, we could only give the location of its farthest boundaries, and some of those boundaries are thousands of miles apart! It is easier to describe Europe's location by looking at those features and places around it.

Europe is located west of Asia and north of Africa. Several large bodies of water surround Europe, and provide **links** between Europe and the other continents. The Atlantic Ocean lies to the west, the Arctic Ocean to the north, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. In one way, Europe's relative location is unique. Most of Europe is located in the eastern **hemisphere**, but its western portion is in the western hemisphere. Why is this? The **prime meridian**, the north-south line that divides the world into east and west, passes through Europe.

Describe Europe's relative location.



Europe has many different **climates**. Countries along the Mediterranean Sea have very warm, moderate climates. People flock to vacation in southern France, Italy, and Greece because of the pleasant climates. Countries in northern Europe have warm summers, but very cold and snowy winters. Skiers enjoy the tall snowy mountains in these cold places. In central Europe, the tall, snowy peaks of the Alps also attract skiers in the colder months.

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1. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

a) What kind of climate do countries along the Mediterranean Sea have?

- A a harsh, cold climate
- B extremely hot at all times
- C a warm, moderate climate
- D tropical and humid

b) Where in Europe are people most likely to go skiing?

- A on Mount Olympus, Greece
- B in northern Europe and the Alps
- C on the Prime Meridian
- D in Asia

c) In which hemisphere is most of Europe located?

- A north of Africa
- B the western hemisphere
- C the Arctic
- D the eastern hemisphere

2. Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false.

T = True
F = False

- T** **F** a) Europe has many different climates.
- T** **F** b) Southern France does not have a warm, moderate climate.
- T** **F** c) Greece is located on the Mediterranean Sea.
- T** **F** d) Europe is located north of Asia and west of Africa.
- T** **F** e) The prime meridian divides the Earth into eastern and western hemispheres.
- T** **F** f) Relative location tells *exactly* where a place is located.
- T** **F** g) The Atlantic Ocean lies west of Europe.

Europe Physical Map

