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Europe

Lesson 1: Physical and Political Characteristics

LOCATION

1. Turn to the Continents and Oceans map on page 2. Use the map to fill in the table below.

Description	Name
Continent east of Europe	
Continent south of Europe	
Ocean west of Europe	
Ocean north of Europe	

REGIONS

2. Use the Land Cover Map on pages 68–69 to answer the following questions.
- What sea separates Europe from Africa? _____
 - There are three peninsulas in southern Europe. The Balkan Peninsula is west of the Black Sea. The country of Italy is a peninsula. What is the name of the third peninsula, which is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Bay of Biscay?

 - What are the two mountain ranges that separate Europe from Asia?

 - Which mountain range in south central Europe lies just north of the Italian peninsula?

3. Circle the correct land cover for the regions below.
- Black Sea Lowland, Ukraine: cropland tundra semi-desert
 - Lake Region, Finland: cropland glacier needleleaf forest
 - Massif Central, France: broadleaf forest tundra semi-desert
 - Northern Norway: cropland tundra grassland
4. Complete the sentences below with the name of the correct river.
- In Italy the _____ River flows from the Alps into the Adriatic Sea.
 - West of the Alps, the _____ River flows into the Gulf of Lion.
 - In Great Britain, the _____ River flows through London.

PLACE

5. Use the Political Map on pages 70–71. Draw a line to match each country with its capital.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Capital</u>
a. Italy •	• Moscow
b. Russia •	• London
c. Spain •	• Stockholm
d. Sweden •	• Rome
e. United Kingdom •	• Madrid

USING GEOGRAPHY

6. Use the Political Map to answer the following questions.

- a. What country borders Spain to the west? _____
- b. What is the island country west of the United Kingdom? _____
- c. What country is south of Macedonia? _____
- d. What country shares borders with both Poland and France? _____
- e. Which island country is near the Arctic Circle? _____
- f. What country shares borders with both Belarus and Romania? _____
- g. What country lies between Croatia and Serbia? _____
- h. What country borders Latvia to the north? _____
- i. What country borders Bulgaria and is also partly in Asia? _____
- j. Which three countries share a vast northern peninsula with Russia?

7. Use the Political Map to answer the following questions. Circle the correct answer(s).

- a. Which three countries are in both Europe and Asia?
 Russia Azerbaijan Ukraine Kazakhstan
- b. Which German city below is the largest?
 Stuttgart Cologne Munich Frankfurt
- c. Which two countries below are on the Adriatic Sea?
 Austria Italy Hungary Croatia
- d. About how many miles is Warsaw, Poland, from Berlin, Germany?
 about 100 miles about 300 miles about 500 miles about 700 miles