



## Notes: Steps Towards a European Union



\_\_\_\_\_ art, architecture, philosophy, music, and inventions are part of Europe's \_\_\_\_\_. But not everything has been great. World \_\_\_\_\_ I and World \_\_\_\_\_ 2 started in Europe.



Countries used steel to build \_\_\_\_\_, and coal powered their \_\_\_\_\_ to build those weapons. So \_\_\_\_\_ World War 2, former enemies joined together to use \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for peaceful work.

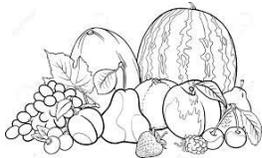


The European Coal and Steel Community was formed. The goal was "make \_\_\_\_\_ not only **unthinkable** but materially \_\_\_\_\_." The name "European Union" was not used until 1993. But this was the "infant" version of the E.U. The six countries that formed the organization ended \_\_\_\_\_ on coal and steel traded between each other.



\_\_\_\_\_ European countries saw the Coal and Steel Community benefits, and they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_. By 1981, there were 10 members. And still more countries kept joining.

The 1993 \_\_\_\_\_ change to "European Union" showed how the countries did not \_\_\_\_\_ want to cut tariffs. They had other shared problems, such as:



- the \_\_\_\_\_
- education
- rights of refugees
- \_\_\_\_\_ in stores



\_\_\_\_\_ the collapse of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Soviet Union, lots of eastern Europe countries were finally free. Many \_\_\_\_\_ the EU. The EU now has \_\_\_\_\_ member countries. The newest member, Croatia, joined in 2013.

Right now, 5 more countries \_\_\_\_\_ to join. (They are called "candidate countries.") BUT... You can't just say, "Hey, I'm in!" The other EU countries have rules to \_\_\_\_\_ whether or not to let you even get to \_\_\_\_\_.

To **apply**, a country must prove it:

1. has stable \_\_\_\_\_
2. is ruled by \_\_\_\_\_
3. protects \_\_\_\_\_
4. has an \_\_\_\_\_ based on competition (not like communist economies, which are run by government)
5. is willing to pay \_\_\_\_\_ to EU



Turkey has wanted in since \_\_\_\_\_. And they're still waiting.

### Arguments against Turkey joining the EU:

- ▶ 97% of Turkey's land is actually in \_\_\_\_\_ – not Europe.
- ▶ Turkey's \_\_\_\_\_ is rather weak.
  - **For example**, they often do not protect minority \_\_\_\_\_.
  - They do not always protect \_\_\_\_\_'s rights.
  - They have a bad habit of throwing news reporters in \_\_\_\_\_ if they don't like what the reporters say or write.
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_, they are different from other European countries. They are more "Middle Eastern" and most of the people are Muslims. They have laws to \_\_\_\_\_ of **all** religions, but most people are Muslim.



In 2002, the EU started using a single kind of currency: the \_\_\_\_\_. Each coin has an \_\_\_\_\_ side and a \_\_\_\_\_ side.

UK and Denmark are the only countries that \_\_\_\_\_ replace their money with the Euro. But any \_\_\_\_\_ EU member **has** to accept the Euro.

### Some benefits for EU members:

- ▶ Free Trade: There are \_\_\_\_\_ on imports and exports between EU countries.
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ about business and trade are the same for all EU countries, making trade easier. Businesses are making \_\_\_\_\_!
- ▶ EU citizens can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in **ANY** country in the EU. No special permission or paperwork is required. So they can skip the long lines in Customs.
- ▶ EU \_\_\_\_\_ students can easily apply to colleges in **ANY** country in the EU.
- ▶ EU \_\_\_\_\_ – the Euro – is accepted in every EU country except Denmark and the United Kingdom (UK). So there's no need to change money between countries.
- ▶ Environment: If an EU country \_\_\_\_\_ the air, water, or land of another EU country, or seriously pollutes their own country, the EU Court of Justice can put them on \_\_\_\_\_. Right now, the Court is forcing Spain to clean up 61 illegal landfills.
- ▶ Fighting crime: In most countries if they want to arrest a criminal who has fled to \_\_\_\_\_ country, it's very hard! The other country does \_\_\_\_\_ have to cooperate. But in the EU, criminals can be easily arrested in even if they flee to a \_\_\_\_\_ EU country.



So the EU is perfect, right? Well. . . .