

# REGIONS OF EUROPE



**Part 1**

# 5 REGIONS OF EUROPE

- ✦ Western Europe
- ✦ Eastern Europe
- ✦ British Isles
- ✦ Northern (Nordic) Europe
- ✦ Mediterranean Europe



# NORTHERN EUROPE



- ✦ Iceland
- ✦ Norway
- ✦ Sweden
- ✦ Finland
- ✦ Denmark

# PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY OF SCANDINAVIA



- ✦ Ice Age glaciers melted here leaving thousands of lakes.
- ✦ Other glaciers carved out **fjords** along the coastline.
- ✦ Fjords: When the glaciers moved, they caused deep valleys and the water flooded into the valleys.
- ✦ Topsoil in Scandinavia were removed and deposited into Denmark.

# LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

## ~ Iceland ~

- ✦ Volcanoes and glaciers exist side by side or even together.
- ✦ Geothermal Energy
  - ✦ Energy produced from the heat of the earth's interior
  - ✦ Used for heat and electricity



# BRITISH ISLES

## Two Islands:

- ✦ Britain
- ✦ Ireland

## Two Nations:

- ✦ United Kingdom
- ✦ Ireland

## United Kingdom:

- ✦ England
- ✦ Scotland
- ✦ Wales
- ✦ Northern Ireland



# BRITISH ISLES

## ✦ Climate

### ✦ Marine West Coast:

Humid, moist climate that is moderated by warm ocean currents



# GREAT BRITAIN

- ✦ How do you think a small island, Great Britain, came to control global empire (from Africa to Asia to America)?
  - ✦ **World Conquests:** Americas, Africa, South Asia (India), SE Asia, Australia, South Pacific – The British built a presence in every part of the world throughout the Middle Ages. Declined during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - ✦ **Perfect location**
  - ✦ Before industrialization, England's **farms** were used for **exporting**.
  - ✦ **“Workshop of the World”**



# IRELAND

- ✦ An island with hills near the coastline
- ✦ Marine West Coast climate – moist climate
  - ✦ **So green!**
  - ✦ Nickname: “**The Emerald Isle**”
- ✦ 1/6 of the island is covered by **peat**
  - ✦ a spongy material containing waterlogged mosses and plants that can be used as fuel
  - ✦ produce almost 1/4 of the nation’s electricity



# RELIGION CONFLICT

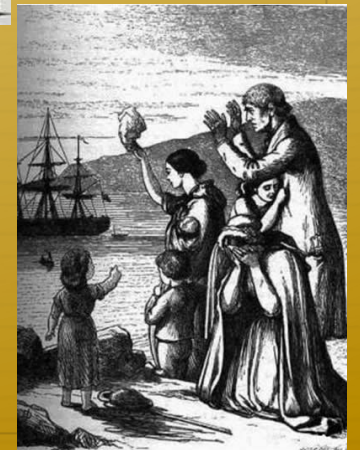
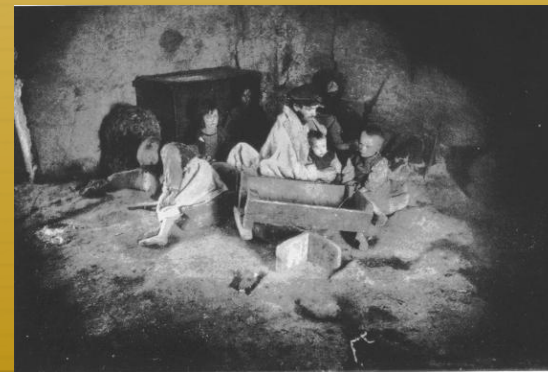
- ✦ Reformation
- ✦ Reformers are called **Protestants**
- ✦ Irish remained Catholic.
  - ✦ Catholics were poor while Protestants were rich.
  - ✦ They both kept cultures separated.



# POTATO FAMINE



- ✦ **Blight** – plant disease
- ✦ Hit Ireland in 1840s ~ destroyed potato crops
- ✦ One million Irish died of starvation or disease
- ✦ Blamed England for not helping.
- ✦ Push-and-Pull migration



# INDEPENDENCE

- ✦ Many Irish wanted independence throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- ✦ Irish War of Independence (1916 – 1921)
  - ✦ Island was divided.
  - ✦ Became a free state under British supervision until 1949.
- ✦ Both Protestants and Catholics wanted the control of Northern Ireland.
  - ✦ Violence: bombings, hunger strikes, gun battles
  - ✦ Stopped in 1998 agreeing to have majority votes on laws



# WESTERN EUROPE

- ✦ Netherlands
- ✦ Germany
- ✦ Belgium
- ✦ Luxembourg
- ✦ France
- ✦ Switzerland
- ✦ Austria





# FRANCE



- ✦ “The Hexagon”
- ✦ Strong national identity
  - ✦ *“The French have no problem of identity. They know who they are and can’t imagine wanting to be like anybody else.”* -- Flora Lewis, Journalist



# HISTORIC, CULTURAL, & ECONOMIC REGIONS

## ✦ North (Paris)

- ✦ political, economic, and cultural capital
- ✦ a center of industry

## ✦ Alps

- ✦ a tunnel between Italy and France was built under Mont Blanc

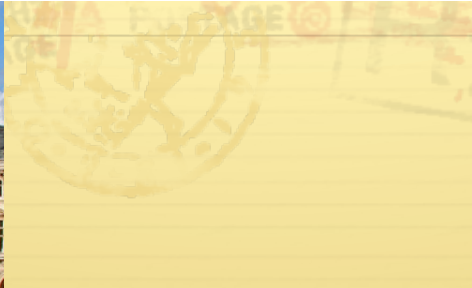


## ✦ Southwestern

- ✦ wine production



Louvre Museum



Paris Disneyland



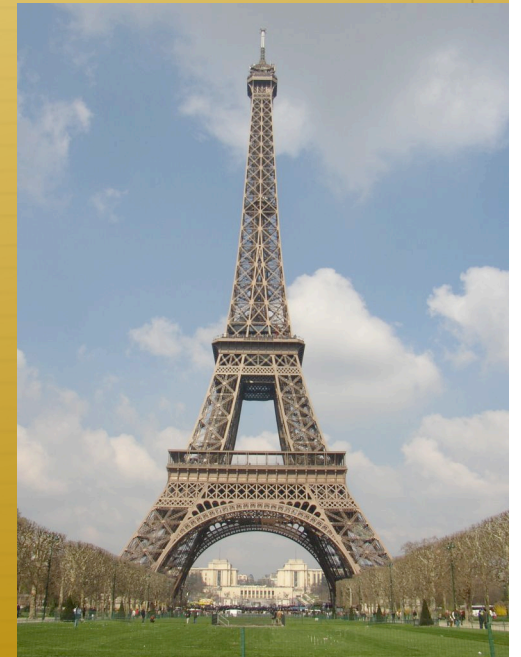
The Palace of Versailles



Cathedral of Notre Dame



Arc de Triomphe



Eiffel Tower



# GERMANY



- ✦ World War I
- ✦ Adolf Hitler
- ✦ World War II
- ✦ Holocaust
- ✦ Santa Claus
- ✦ Cuckoo Clock



# GERMANY'S DEFEATS

- ✦ Defeated in World War I
  - ✦ Forced to pay reparations
  - ✦ Caused economic to collapse
- ✦ Adolf Hitler (and the Nazis)
  - ✦ promised to restore economic
  - ✦ blamed Jews for economic recession
  - ✦ concentration camps
- ✦ Defeated again in World War II



# GERMANY DIVIDED...

## One People, Two Countries

- ✦ Divided during the Cold War into West and East Germany
- ✦ 1989 – a wave of protests overturned the Communist East German government
  - ✦ opening the borders and leading to a reunification
  - ✦ Berlin Walls were broken down



# PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

## ✦ Northern Germany

- ✦ covered by the North German Plain, with important industries
- ✦ largest cities
- ✦ access to the North Sea and the Baltic Sea

## ✦ Central Germany (see next slide)

- ✦ one of the most important industrial areas in the world
- ✦ home to Germany's banking center at Frankfurt

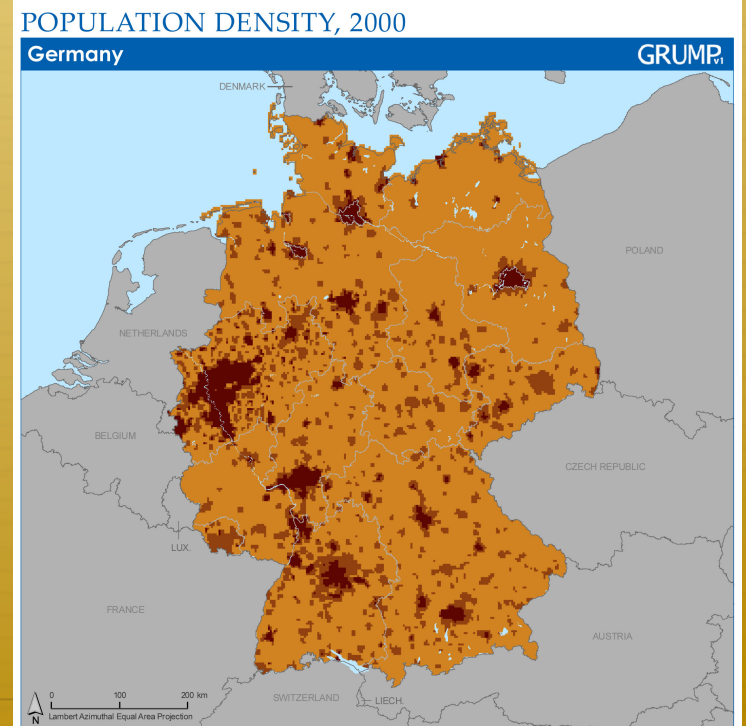
## ✦ Southern Germany

- ✦ borders the Bavarian Alps
- ✦ its largest city, Munich, became Germany's cultural center after World War II



# RUHR REGION

- ✦ River and major industrial region
- ✦ One of the world's largest single industrial regions
- ✦ Rich soil – farming
- ✦ Germany's most densely populated region
- ✦ One of the world's largest, producing the bulk of Germany's coal
- ✦ Where the Industrial Revolution began in Germany



# GERMANY

- ✦ Suffered greatly after the World Wars from political and cultural conflicts
- ✦ Germany is known for its scholarship and hard work ethic
- ✦ Welcomes immigrants from all nationalities – it is now an open, liberal society





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