

Europe's Heartland

Section 2

France and the Benelux Countries

- France's Land and Economy
 - France- _____ country in Europe- a little smaller than TX
 - Northern France- _____
 - South- _____
 - Rivers- _____ and _____
 - Mild/warm climate- good farming soil

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- French agriculture- _____ (focusing efforts on certain activities to make the best use of resources)
 - Grapes made into _____
 - Sheep and cattle milk for over 250 kinds of _____
 - Sells these goods to other countries and imports stuff they can't make
- Industries- cars/trucks, chemicals, textiles, processed foods, _____ industries (computers and such)
- 1 in 12 work in _____ Paris, beaches, Alps, or chateaux (French castles)

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- France's People and Culture
 - Ancestry- Celts, Romans, and Germanic Tribes
 - _____, then Islam
 - Pop. 60.7 million, mostly in cities (10 million in Paris)
 - Museums, cafes, universities, etc
 - Seine River, Notre Dame, and Eiffel Tower
 - Culture has spread far and wide- _____
 - Artists, philosophers, composers, directors, writers
 - French Revolution ended the age of _____
 - Now a democratic republic- president (elected- very powerful) and PM (appointed)

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- The Benelux Countries
 - Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg
 - Low, flat lands, densely populated- _____
lifestyle, high standard of living
 - Parliamentary democracies- led by _____
 - Belgium
 - Trade and manufacturing- imports raw materials
 - _____-port city and center of world diamond industry
 - _____ - capital, headquarters of _____
 - Belgium 3 regions- Flanders, Wallonia, Brussels
 - Flanders- NW, people speak Dutch, known as _____
 - Wallonia- SE, speak French, known as _____
 - Brussels- mixed- bilingual
 - sometimes groups have conflict w/ each other

France and the Benelux Countries

- Netherlands- north of Belgium- people called _____
 - ¼ of country below sea level- _____ around country to keep water out
 - Drain wetlands- called _____ - great farming
 - 90% of population lives in cities- capital _____
 - Houses are narrow and tall- apts in canals and
 - Industry- manufacturing and trade
 - Export cheese, veggies and flowers (_____)
- Luxembourg
 - SE of Belgium- center of trade and finance
 - Have many _____
 - French and German ancestry