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
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— 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 is 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