

## Europe's Complicated Geography Annotated Map Summative Assignment

**Background:** In “Europe: Super Power in the Making or Paper Tiger of the Future”, de Blij introduces us to Europe, and in doing so, explains the issues of European Unification. The United States has always maintained close cultural and political ties to Europe

**Purpose:** Your purpose in this assignment is to gain a better understanding of Europe's complicated physical and human geography. The United States has always maintained close cultural and political ties to Europe, and what happens in Europe significantly affects the United States, whether it be financial policy or homeland security. A better understanding of Europe's geography will help inform your opinions as you grow, and will also be vital to your comprehension of both World and US History your sophomore and junior year.

**Objective:** Your objective is to create a sketchmap that explores the physical and human geography of Europe.

**Methodology:** You will use various map sources, atlases, digital, and de Blij to mark and identify various pieces of the physical and human geography of Europe, as well as annotations regarding Europe's geography from de Blij. You may use either Chapter 9, “Europe: Super Power in the Making or Paper Tiger of the Future” or Chapter 10, “Russia: Trouble on the Eastern Front” for your annotations.

**Product:** Your final product will be a sketch map of Europe to the Ural Mountains with the following information included: All countries listed on Ch. 9 map to memorize, all EU members shaded yellow, five major rivers (must include the Rhine and Danube), 5 physical features that create a border between European states (these should be labeled with an asterisk, so that you can count items you have already used such as the Danube River), the location of 10 European languages outlined in a red dashed line and labeled (Remember: languages often are not contained by political boundaries), 8 areas of devolutionary stress (shade purple and label – you will be shading over yellow in many instances - that is okay), and 10 Annotations FROM de Blij (this could include history, details, information about the significance of the place, places de Blij mentions – why, etc). A small percentage of points will be awarded for neatness. Please remember the basic map rules. Colored pencils only, BLACK INK for all labels.

**Scoring:** One summative grade will be assessed. Project is due at 4:00pm, 29 March for ALL CLASSES. Please reference the rubric below:

Rubric	Points Possible	Points Awarded
All countries listed on map to memorize (46)	.5 pt each for a total of 23	
All EU members shaded yellow (28)	.5 pt each for a total of 14 pts	
Five major rivers (including the Rhine and Danube)	1 pt each for a total of 5 pts	
5 physical features that create a border between European states	1 pt each for a total of 5 pts	
Location of 10 European languages outlined in a red dashed line and labeled. Remember: languages often are not contained by political boundaries	1 pt each for a total of 10 pts	
8 areas of devolutionary stress (shade purple and label – you will be shading over yellow in many instances. That is okay)	1 pt each for a total of 8 points	
10 Annotations FROM de Blij! (could include history, details, information about the significance of the place, places de Blij mentions – why, etc)	3 pts each for a total of 30 pts	
Appearance – overall neatness, color used, LEGIBLE	Various, total of 5 points	

