

# European News Update

## Teacher Notes

This is an activity for students to investigate the current news and events taking place in Europe. This lesson is designed for use in a Geography course during the study of the culture of Europe. It will be preceded by a study of the physical features of the continent and an investigation of the regional differences of the area.

Students should be instructed to follow the following steps in the activity:

1. Individually explore the provided websites or others for news articles from the nations of Europe. Students may be directed to have their European maps available to check for correct countries to be included in their investigation.
2. Once finding an article of interest, students should check with teacher for approval before continuing.
3. Upon teacher approval, students will fully read the article and take notes into the graphic provided on the student handout. \*Video options also available.

They will repeat this process for a second article after finishing the first.

Encourage students to read a variety of articles before choosing the ones to collect data from for their group reporting.

4. Students should be merged into small groups of 4-5.
5. Allow students time to share each article they read and to discuss the topics they investigated. They should also be asked which articles they found most interesting and why.
6. Direct students to share as groups to the whole class as a wrap-up discussion at the end. Lead a discussion on the current events in Europe and address the wrap-up questions at the end of the student handout.
7. Allow students the end of class to complete their wrap-up questions based on their investigation and the class discussion. (Or this could be completed as homework)

This lesson is one from a complete unit on European Physical and Human Geography. Visit my store for the whole unit or for other individual assignments and activities.