

Knowledge Organiser: Contrasting Locations

Important Topic Vocabulary

region	A large area of land with a number of counties within it.
landmark	An object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance.
historical site	A place where pieces of political, cultural or social history have been preserved.
tourist	A person visiting place for a holiday, especially to see landmarks or experience the culture.
currency	A system of money in general use in a particular country.
climate	The weather found in a certain place over a long period of time.
language	The system of communication used by a particular country or community.
vegetation	A group of plants found in a particular area or habitat.
fertile soils	A soil that provides essential nutrients and water that plants need to grow.

What do you already know?

The four countries in the UK are England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The points on an eight-point compass are North, North East, East, South East, South, South West, West and North West.

The world is divided into seven continents:

Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, North America, Antarctica and Australasia.

Human and physical features are things that you can see all around you. Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural. Human features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people.

A volcano is a conical shaped hill or mountain that contains a crater and vent. Volcanoes are physical features and they erupt with an explosion of steam or lava from the vent.

Famous European Landmarks

France, Paris
– The Eiffel Tower



Germany, Berlin
– Brandenburg Gate and remains of the Berlin Wall



Italy, Rome
– The Colosseum



Russia, Moscow
– The Kremlin and Red Square



Iceland, Reykjavik
– Blue Lagoon and The Northern Lights



Belgium, Brussels
– Grand Place



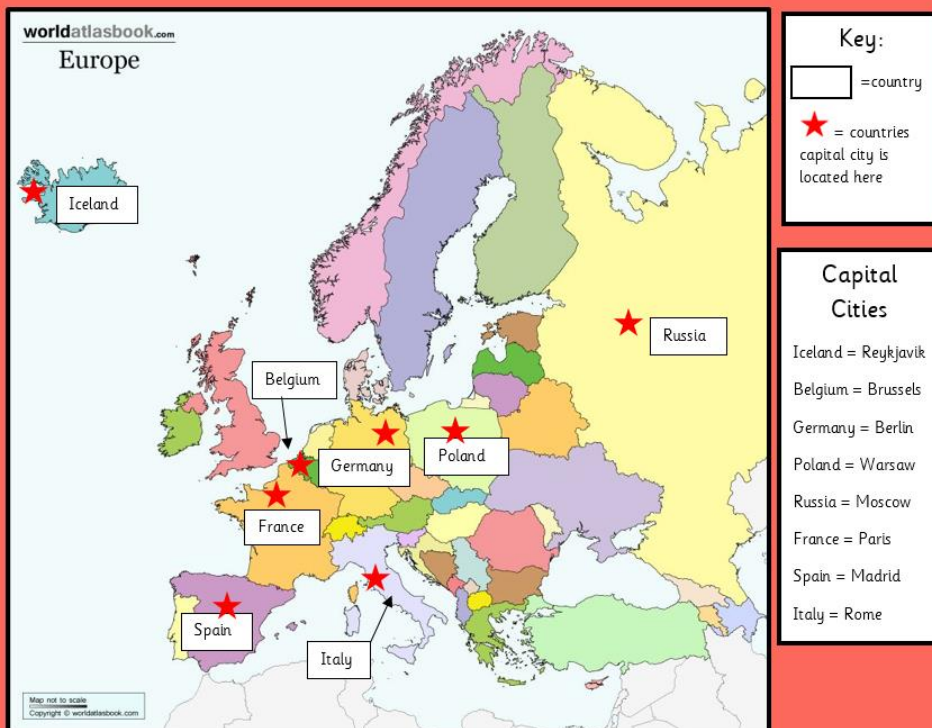
Spain, Madrid
– The Royal Palace of Madrid



Poland, Warsaw



Some European Countries and their Capital Cities



Campania, Italy

Campania is a region in south western Italy known for its ancient ruins and dramatic coastline. Naples, the regional capital (and also where pizza came from!), is a bustling city with striking natural features. It is a popular tourist destination.



Quick Facts: Campania

- Campania has influenced the concept of 'Italian cuisine' (spaghetti, buffalo mozzarella, margarita pizza and risotto)
- The currency they use is the Euro, previously the Lira until 1999
- The climate is warm nearly all year round; citrus and tomato plants are grown here

Volcanoes in Campania

There are a number of volcanoes in the Campania region. Volcanic soils are very fertile soils, which is why lots of fruits and vegetables can be grown here (like aubergine, grapes, artichokes and figs). Among the volcanoes in the region, is the famous Mount Vesuvius in the ancient city of Pompeii, where one of the deadliest eruptions in European history took place (79AD).

Comparing The North West of England and Campania, Italy



The North West of England

How are they similar?

The North West of England and Campania, Italy both have a coastline, forests, mountains, roads, rivers, ports, houses, shops, historical sites and they are both popular with tourists.

How are they different?

The North West of England and Campania, Italy have different currencies, climates, languages, traditional foods and vegetation.



Campania, Italy

Useful Books

Living in... Italy
by Chloe Perkins

My Family Travel Map:
Europe
by Lonely Planet Kids

Collins Children's Picture
Atlas
by Steve Evans

Useful Websites

You can find a list of links to useful websites on your Google Classroom class stream.