

# European Cultures

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## European Regions

Europe can be split into 5 major regions:

- Southern Region
- Western Region
- **Central Region**
- Northern Region
- Eastern Region



## Central Region of Europe

Countries in this region:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



Central Region is has mostly plains with some highlands and mountains scattered

## Geography of Central Region

Central \_\_\_\_\_ → plains with mountains in some places

- The Central Uplands are lower in altitude and less rugged than the Alpine region and are heavily wooded.

**Significant Bodies of Water** → Danube River, \_\_\_\_\_ River

**Climate** → humid continental to semi-arid climates

- The humid continental climate has \_\_\_\_\_ summers and \_\_\_\_\_ winters and supports mixed forests. Cold semi-arid climates have little precipitation and cold winters.

## History of Central Region

**Charlemagne** → After the king's death, the region fell apart

- Made up of many \_\_\_\_\_ people and cultures
  - Allowed for great cultural diversity, but also brought conflict among many groups

**World War I** → \_\_\_\_\_ **was an aggressor**

- Led to suffering and a Great Depression as a result of severe punishment by other European nations
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## History of Central Region

**World War II** → rise of \_\_\_\_\_ **and the Nazi Party**

- Dictator attacked and killed many nations/groups in the region
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**Gained Own** \_\_\_\_\_ → after the world wars, the region regained its own identity

- Smaller nations, often manipulated and abused by Germany, found their own place in world relations

## Cultural Aspects of Central Region

**Great Cultural Advances** → despite chaos in the region

- \_\_\_\_\_ such as Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, and more are ICONS in the music world
- \_\_\_\_\_ is rich in this area → Dracula, Grimm Brothers, and more fantasy
- Lasting cultures of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire
  - Religious and tradition
  - Roman Catholic and Orthodox
- Rich, cultural traditions in the Alps
  - Beautiful geography, diverse climate, and diverse cultures

## **Economic Aspects of Central Region**

**Struggles to** \_\_\_\_\_

- Major losses and damages due to multiple wars

**Strengths** → manufacturing, technology, and service in recent times has made significant growth

- Switzerland → leading nation in \_\_\_\_\_ industry
- Germany, Austria, Poland, Switzerland → growth in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ → joining the EU has promoted growth, modernization, and furthered trade with economic alliance

## **Modern Life in Central Region**

**People in this region now live a life based on tradition, culture, and leisure**

- Many developing cities offer opportunities for cultural growth

**Dedication to** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time**

- With parks and large sports culture, the people know how to relax and enjoy their time away from work obligations

## **REFLECTION**

**What is something you learned about the Central Region of Europe?**

**What questions do you still have about the Central Region of Europe?**