

European Nations

LHA World/US History



European Regions

Europe can be split into 5 major regions:

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



Northern Region of Europe

Countries in this region:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Northern Region has a lot of highlands and mountains throughout

Geography of Northern Region

_____ → covers Iceland, Norway, and part of Sweden

Highlands → covers most of Finland and part of Sweden

_____ → contains volcanoes, geysers, and Europe's largest glacier

Denmark → low and flat (one of lowest elevation in the world)

Significant Bodies of Water → North Sea, Norwegian Sea, Baltic Sea

Climate → _____ winters and _____ summers

- Generally mild compared to other countries at the same latitude because of the _____

History of Northern Region

“_____ **Region**” → people who settled this region have a long, successful history of sailing the seas and raiding countries

- _____ (**700's**) → led great expeditions around Europe, terrorizing other groups with brutal raids of villages
 - Vikings had organized kingdoms throughout the Nordic countries with some having representative governments (*ex: republic*)
 - _____ (**1003**) → set sail and reached Newfoundland (Northern Canada)
 - Became first European ever to reach American shores (hundreds of years before _____)

History of Northern Region

Vikings Conflicts and Unification

- _____ → for hundreds of years, the separate Viking kingdoms have wars among each other, fighting for land and resources
- _____ → under Leif Erikson, the Nordic Vikings became a united kingdom for the first time

Middle Ages/Renaissance → the Nordic nations were _____ the rest of Europe in many areas

- Nordic nations waged war after war against each other to gain full control over the Nordic region
 - The wars were gruelling and generally fell in favor of Sweden

_____ → major European powers liked having neutral Nordic countries as “buffers” between themselves (UK, France, Germany) and Russia

Cultural Aspects of Northern Region

Historic Cultures → much of culture is based on historic groups that settled the region

- Nations have many similarities across their borders due to the _____ (Viking and Swedish kingdoms)

Modern Culture → the people have been creating their own modern culture as well

- Henrik Ibsen → considered “Father of Modern _____”
- Ingmar Bergman → a leading director in the age of _____

Economic Aspects of Northern Region

_____ Economy → the region has historically been stable

- Oil resources in Norway, forests and fish in Sweden and others
- Technology → computer software and hardware are leading industries among Europe

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

- _____ and _____ have recently rejected/questioned this membership as a means for economic stability

Modern Life in Northern Region

Different from other regions in Europe

- The _____ setting provides a perfect backdrop for many outdoor sports (hockey, skiing, snowboarding, etc)
- Very _____ culture → many social meetings in town squares and community outdoor saunas

_____ → governments make sure all citizens have insurance, education, and childcare

- Very unique to these nations and makes for some of the _____ nations in the world

REFLECTION

What is something you learned about the Northern Region of Europe?

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