

# European Cultures

LHA World/US History



## European Regions

Europe can be split into 5 major regions:

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



## Western Region of Europe

Countries in this region:

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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Western Region is has mostly plains with some highlands and mountains scattered



## Geography of Western Region

**Northern European** \_\_\_\_\_ → plains with mountains in some places

- Massive sheets of ice shaped the plain during the last ice age, which ended about 11,000 years ago.

**Significant Bodies of Water** → \_\_\_\_\_ Channel, North Sea, Irish Sea, Bay of Biscay, Atlantic Ocean, Thames River, Seine River

**Climate** → \_\_\_\_\_ winters and \_\_\_\_\_ summers is most of region

- Cooler in highlands/mountains, and warmer in southern part of region (southern France)

## History of Western Region

**Ancient Civilizations** → \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ → settled across Northern areas of Great Britain
- \_\_\_\_\_ → controlled the coastal areas along the English Channel

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ → **Early 1000's**

- English claimed land of Great Britain (islands) and Franks settled on mainland
- Long history of conflict and cooperation
  - Defended their lands against each other for centuries (Hundred Years War and more)
  - Fought together through two world wars
- Became the two \_\_\_\_\_ in region (France and UK)
  - Led the way for world exploration, settlement, and expansion

## History of Western Region

**Charlemagne (768-814)** → “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

- King of Franks (encompassed most of Western Europe)
- Encouraged the Carolingian Renaissance, a cultural and intellectual revival in Europe

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nations** → formed as their groups fought for lands and identity in the modern world, often against the larger nations of Western Europe.

## Cultural Aspects of Western Region

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cultures** → as diverse as the United States

- **Lands of** \_\_\_\_\_ → immigrants come from other nations to establish themselves
  - Nations have stability and strong history of democracy
  - Leads to a mix of cultures with great heritage and new worldwide contributions

\_\_\_\_\_ → **rich history in France and Great Britain**

- Rich development in art, literature, and theatre
  - From Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London to the Louvre Museum of Art in Paris, culture surrounds the people of Western Europe

## Economic Aspects of Western Region

\_\_\_\_\_ → economies have historically been strong since they ruled nations around the world for most of the time

**War Decline** → \_\_\_\_\_ and dependency

- With losses and damages suffered from numerous wars, the nations have been left with debt and dependency on the economies of other world nations

**Strengths** → manufacturing and agriculture, with tourism and technology in recent times

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

## Modern Life in Western Region

**Provides many great comforts and luxuries**

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are very important
  - Football (soccer), rugby, cricket, hunting, horse-sports, biking, and more
- When visiting the nations, you will notice they very much appreciate their \_\_\_\_\_ time

## REFLECTION

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

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