Understanding the European Union



Learning Target: I can describe why governments belong to different types of economic alliances.

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The Basics...

European Union = referred to as the "EU"

Official Currency* = EURO

of Member Nations = 28



Official Flag of the EU



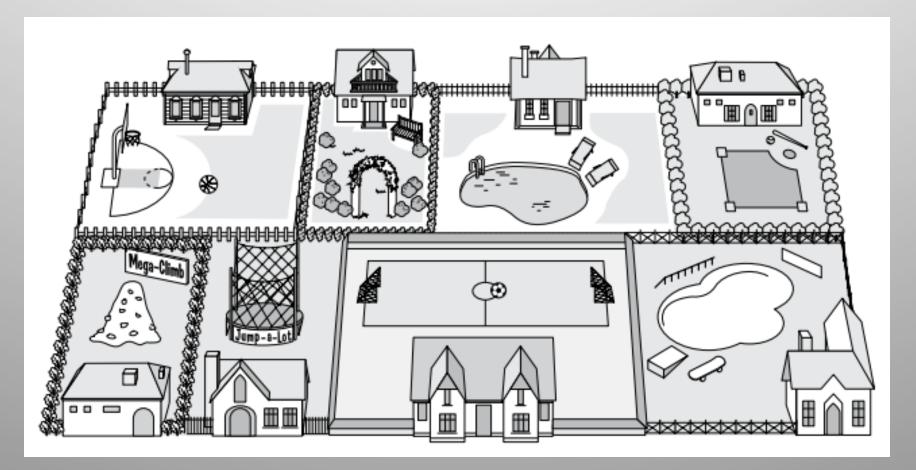
Euro Currency Symbol





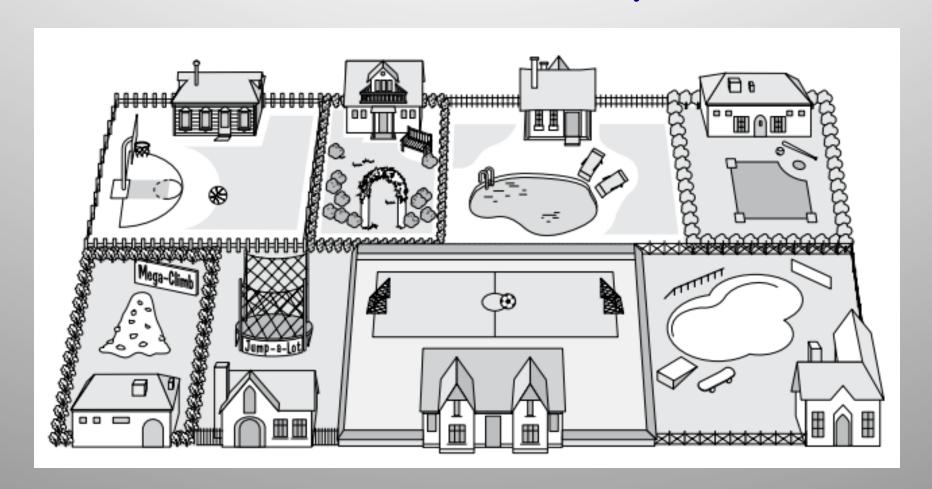


Imagine you are moving to this neighborhood... which yard would you choose?





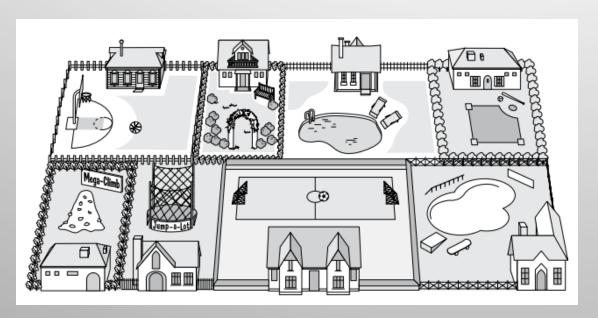
Now, imagine one neighbor proposes that the fences be taken down and a common backyard be formed.





EUROPE With and With OUT the EU

**Thinking about Europe as a Neighborhood





POSTIVES?

NEGATIVES?



28 Members of European Union









Would an EU Type System work in NA?

Open Borders, Common Currency, Limited Trade Barriers, etc?



Why/Why Not? Positives vs. Negatives



EU IN THE NEWS "the BREXIT"

The New York Times

http://www.nytimes.com/ 2016/06/25/world/europe/ overwhelmed-by-brexit-hereare-the-basics.html?_r=0



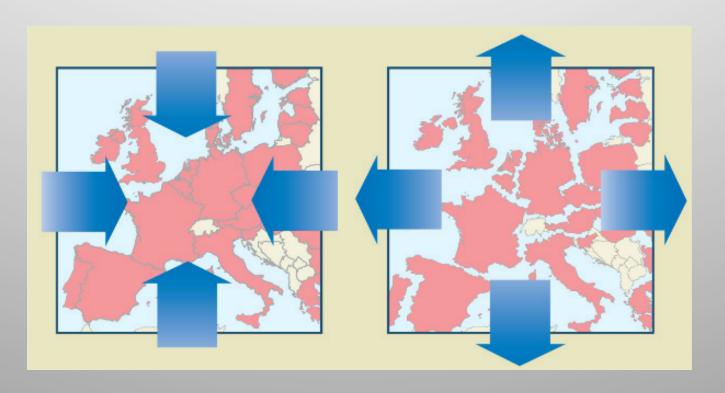
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvnmAjev5oE





Push & Pull Forces

Unite vs. Divide Classroom Activity



Economic, Political & Cultural



Push & Pull Forces Activity

Examples of Economic Forces
That Divide

Examples of Political Forces
That Divide

Examples of Forces
That Work Against
European Cultural
Identity

Economic Forces p.216-217

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Cultural Forces p.220-221 Examples of Economic Forces
That Unite

Examples of Political Forces
That Unite

Examples of Forces
That Promote
European Cultural
Identity



Push & Pull Forces Answers

Economic

- Huge since trade bloc (increase jobs, resources, highways, modernize)
- Euro-common currency
- Open Trade-no tariffs

Political

- Passport not required citizens of Europe
- Common Council to make decisions
 - Appointed Parliament representatives cooperate on shared issues

Cultural

"United in Diversity" motto

- Own anthem, own flag, Europe Day
 - Orchestra, cities rotate "Capital of Culture"
- Speak other languages

- Poor nations receive more EU \$
- West is more wealthy so factories relocate
- Not all use Euro
- Easterners immigrate

- Loss of national identity as give power to EU government
- Loss of independent decision making
- Growing size challenges ability to cooperate

- Speak 20 different languages
- National pride leads to competition and rivalry between members
- Some cultural traditions not honored (Czech food)



THE EU VIDEO IN REVIEW

