Understanding the European Union

Learning Target: I can describe why governments belong to different types of economic alliances.
The Basics...
European Union = referred to as the “EU”
Official Currency* = EURO
# of Member Nations = 28

* = not all member nations use the Euro
INTRO TO THE EU

INTRO TO EU VIDEO

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/20/what-is-the-eu-why-was-it-created-and-when-was-it-formed1/
Imagine you are moving to this neighborhood... which yard would you choose?

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

Do you support or disapprove of this plan & Why?
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
Push & Pull Forces

Unite vs. Divide Classroom Activity

Economic, Political & Cultural
### Push & Pull Forces Activity

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Economic
- Huge since trade bloc (increase jobs, resources, highways, modernize)
- Euro-common currency
- Open Trade-no tariffs
- Poor nations receive more EU $
- West is more wealthy so factories relocate
- Not all use Euro
- Easterners immigrate

Political
- Passport not required - citizens of Europe
- Common Council to make decisions
- Appointed Parliament representatives cooperate on shared issues
- Loss of national identity as give power to EU government
- Loss of independent decision making
- Growing size challenges ability to cooperate

Cultural
- “United in Diversity” motto
- Own anthem, own flag, Europe Day
- Orchestra, cities rotate “Capital of Culture”
- Speak other languages
- 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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O37yJBFRrfg&feature=share&list=PLqsSohhass_QZtSkX06DmWOaEaadwmw_D&index=9