

WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY WORKSHEET: EUROPE

Answer the following questions using the appropriate primary and secondary sources listed below.

1. Why did French voters reject the proposed European Union constitution in May 2005? How was this negative vote accounted for in the media? (tip: you might try searching the www.euractiv.com site)
2. The European Union has been moving to remove barriers to the free movement of people and goods within its borders. What changes to border controls within the European Union have taken place since the terrorist bombing in London in July? (again, try searching the www.euractiv.com website)
3. What human rights concerns within Europe have been raised by Amnesty International? List three.
4. Which European countries showed the highest rate of growth in trade (imports and exports) in 2004? Why?
5. What European Community (EC) agricultural exports have been challenged on the basis that European subsidies for these goods exceed those allowed under WTO rules? What countries challenged these subsidies?
6. What agricultural trade disputes has the European Community initiated with the WTO? (List at least one dispute).
7. Which European country was the greatest importer of U.S. weaponry in 2005 (as of July)? (See U.S. Census website, Foreign Trade Statistics, Country/Product Data, Advanced Technology Products.)
8. Which European Union member has received the most World Bank support (\$) in the past 15 years?
9. What has been the focus of recent World Bank Social Development initiatives in Southeastern Europe?

Primary and Secondary Sources:

www.europa.eu.int (official website of the European Union)

www.amnesty-eu.org

www.euractiv.com (excellent source of current events summaries and links to gov. and non-gov. sites.)

www.wto.org (see right-hand margin of website: World Trade Report 6/30/05, then "Recent Trends in International Trade," and Index of Disputes or Disputes by Country)

www.census.gov (see Foreign Trade Statistics, Country and Product Trade Data)

www.worldbank.org (see "Initiatives in the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Region," "European Union Enlargement and The World Bank," and "Lending Activities by Country, 1989-2005")