

Europe: Testing Generalizations

Part I: Use your textbook and atlas to provide at least two facts to prove or disprove the following statements.

1. Europe has few countries with small land areas.



2. The United Kingdom is located in the center of Europe.

3. Europe is a peninsula of peninsulas.

4. Most of Europe is located in the semiarid climate zone.

5. Greece is the most likely to have the coldest climates in Europe.

6. Throughout history and today European rivers have been important to trade.

7. The marine west coast climate zone dominates the climates of Europe.

8. The people of Norway use polders to hold back the sea in order to prevent flooding.

9. People in Europe have done little to modify their landscape.

10. Europe is relatively flat without many mountain ranges.

11. The fjords of Norway are densely settled.



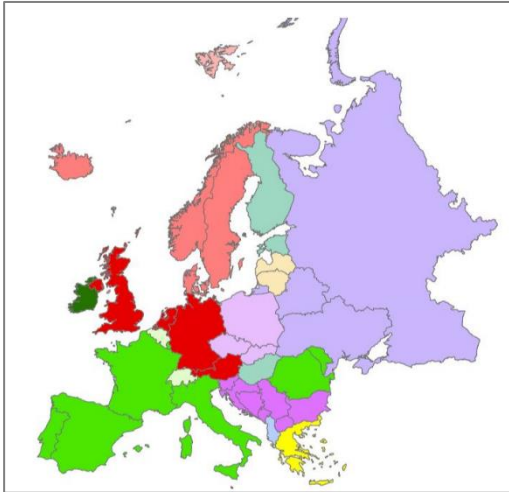
12. Fertile soil on the European plain supports European agriculture.

13. Oil resources are primarily located along the North Sea.

14. Scotland's coast has large areas of wide sandy beaches.

15. Europe today is covered by extensive forests.

16. Many deposits of coal and iron or supported the Industrial Revolution in Europe.



17. Western culture's ideas about democracy and government originated in Greece and Rome.

18. Europeans explored the world and established colonies.

19. Europe has a wide variety of languages.

20. Most people in Europe live in urban areas.

21. Most countries in Europe are economically developed.

22. Europe is densely populated. (atlas)

23. The Greek and Roman empires left numerous cultural imprints throughout Europe.

24. Only 15 countries belong to the European Union.

25. Christianity is the major religion within Europe.

Part II: Evaluate a claim

The claim: The people of the Netherlands have always struggled with the sea.

Which pieces of "evidence" could be used to support the claim?

Possible Evidence:

- Over 2000 years ago people built earthen mounds to create islands.)
- One third of the country is below sea level.
- The Romans built embankments of earth and rock to hold back the sea.
- The Dutch used windmills to power pumps to remove water from the land.
- The government is trying to preserve rural areas.
- Rotterdam and Amsterdam are important ports of the Netherlands.

