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## Teacher/Parent Notes

The purpose of this book is to help young people become more familiar with Europe through reading, writing, researching and illustrating. They can then share the information they discover with classmates, friends and family.

Present as much information as possible about a specific region or country before having students complete the related activity sheets. Have available encyclopedias and other reference books so that students can accomplish the research necessary to complete the activity sheets. They may find the *World Book Encyclopedia* to be most helpful. Teachers and parents are encouraged to add information on other locations, points of interest, rivers and so on, when working on the mapping activities.

The following methods may be used to integrate this book into your curriculum:



## Independent Activities

Each student may work on the activity sheets of his or her choice. The activity sheets can be stored in a folder. After all of the materials for a specific country have been completed, the teacher or parent should have a conference with the student to go over the materials together. If any information is incorrect, help the student locate the correct answers. The materials may then be stapled into a booklet.

## Small Group Activities

The students may be divided into small groups to work on the specific countries of Europe. After a group has completed the work, they may share their information with the other groups. Creative presentations should be encouraged. For example, one group may decide to present their findings through a simple play, while another group may share what they have learned through an imaginary travelogue.

## Large Group Activities

You may wish to have the entire class or a large group work on certain pages, displaying the chosen pages on an overhead projector and working through the pages together.

## Special Note

Advise students to remain alert to current events taking place in Europe. You might maintain an ongoing bulletin board to display newspaper and magazine articles which relate to European countries.

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# Overview of Europe

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Physical Features



1. What is Europe's longest river? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the four major land regions of Europe?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is a *peninsula*? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. List the five major European peninsulas.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What is Europe's largest lake? \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe its water. Why is it considered a lake? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Extension:** Choose a topic such as Europe's climate, landforms, or plant and animal life to research and study. Share your information through a story, report, travel guide or art activity.

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# Czech Republic

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## History and Culture

1. In the box, draw and correctly colour the Czech Republic's flag.

2. When was this area first settled?

Who were the first settlers?

3. What is the Czech Republic's national anthem?

4. Who was Alexander Dubcek?

5. The Czech Republic was once part of which country? \_\_\_\_\_  
When did it become independent? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Václav Havel was a non-communist \_\_\_\_\_ who served as \_\_\_\_\_ of the former Czechoslovakia in the early 1990s.  
Would such a person ever hold this position in your country? Explain your answer.

7. What was the Velvet Revolution and how did it get its name?

8. What is the traditional Czech meal at Christmas? \_\_\_\_\_

9. 'New Wave' refers to which Czech art of the 1960s? \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe the goal of this art form. \_\_\_\_\_

**Extension:** A modern renaissance is occurring in the city of Prague. Research this renaissance in magazines or other sources and write a skit illustrating it.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Physical Features and General Information

1. On the map, draw a star to mark the location of the capital city of San Marino. Write the city's name by the star.

2. What country surrounds San Marino?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. On what mountain does San Marino lie?

\_\_\_\_\_

Draw a  $\wedge$  on the map to mark the highest peak. Label it.

4. What structure surrounds the city of San Marino?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Which parts of the capital city's wall are symbols of the country?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is San Marino the oldest or newest republic in the world? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is San Marino's total area? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is its approximate population? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What do San Marino's people have in common with the people of northern Italy?

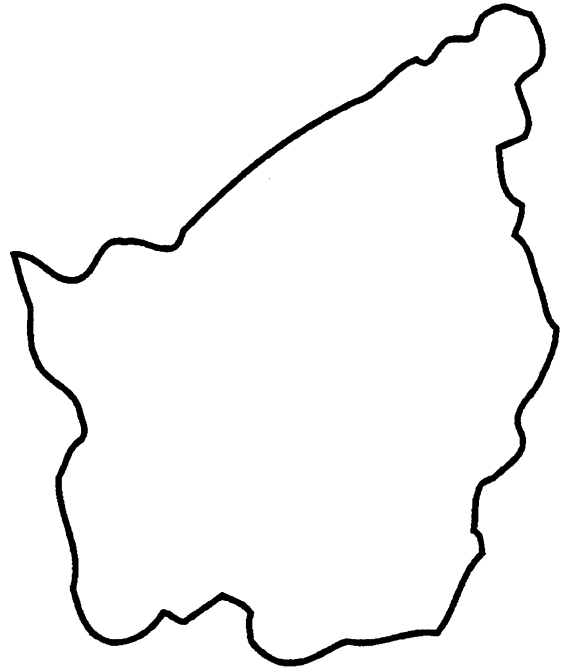
\_\_\_\_\_

10. List the occupations of most of San Marino's people. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What makes San Marino an attractive place to visit? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**Extension:** San Marino is known for its beautiful postage stamps. After reading about its culture, design a new stamp for it.