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GA! 2009: Europe Beyond Borders

Our trip around the world through the Geography Action! Program has us stopping in Europe this year! Although one of the smallest continents, there is no shortage of geography and history around this varied land of many cultures and countries.

So just where does Europe end and Asia begin? It is often difficult to clearly define Europe and exactly what countries fall under this label. For example, we could find reasons to define Turkey as a European country but also as an Asian country. So we'll leave the specifics to your discretion.

The newest toolkit, *Geography Action! Mapping Europe*, is now available for free download for use for classroom activities, awareness events, and after-school programs. Find all you need to build a huge wall or floor map of Europe, as well as in-depth activities for grades K-12. Download the toolkit, tile map, and Europe support materials today.

Check out *additional resources* on the GENI website! Be sure and share any activities you have with us.



Get Lost in Mapping: Find Your Place in the World

Maps are all around us. New technologies like sophisticated satellite imagery and geographic information systems (GIS) have taken maps out of atlases and into the palm of your hand. Discover maps where you never expected to find them—GPS devices, online sites, news broadcasts, social networking, and maybe even your own phone.

Geography Awareness Week 2009 explores the world through mapping. Find your continent in giant tile maps, find your country in political outline maps, find your local area through community mapping tools like FieldScope and find your place in the world!

Too often, people only think about maps when they want to get away. Don't wait for your next vacation to break out a

map! Maps allow you to explore the world without leaving the comfort of your home.

Mapping has come a long way since the days of pull-down classroom maps and coloring in countries. Today, students use GIS technology on computers or hand-held devices, and teachers engage them through real-time connections with experts, field experiences, and hands-on exercises.

You don't have to be a cartographer to help put geography on the map. Anyone can become a map activist through a range of efforts—from lending your voice to getting involved. Visit MyWonderfulWorld.org for lessons, free downloads, videos and more!

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Special Points of Interest:

- GAW Postcard Contest
- GIS Day 2009
- Europe Beyond Borders
- Europe literature and other resources



**GEOGRAPHY
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2009: EUROPE BEYOND BORDERS

Incorporate *Geography Action! 2009* into your curriculum. It's as simple as using literature on the subject or classroom set-up like posters, artifacts, maps, etc. Add a bulletin board showing an aspect of student daily life in a European country (ie-what is served at school lunches, popular after-school activities, etc.). How many countries can you name? Which country spans two continents? Brush up on everyone's skills on the region by hosting a school-wide trivia competition! Enter your students in GENI's Postcard Contest (see below).



Plan a "Celebrating Europe" event for your community.

- School-wide awareness projects and displays
- Family Fun Night with games and entertainment
- Cultural Fair with native foods/handicrafts
- Genealogical projects

Get your entire community involved! Tap your local resources: cultural performers, restaurants, foreign businesses, university cultural centers, and more.

Enter your students in the

2009 Indiana Geography Awareness Week

POSTCARD CONTEST

Have your students design their own postcard representing the theme, **EUROPE BEYOND BORDERS**, and they could win great PRIZES! Four winners will be chosen, one per category: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. From these winners, a GRAND PRIZE WINNER will be selected and their postcard will be printed for use by the student, teacher, school, and the GENI Main Office! Contest details/rules and downloadable template is available on the [GENI website](#). Get your students started thinking geographical today! All entries should be mailed to GENI, postmarked no later than November 28, 2009.

To see the 2008 contest winners and additional competitive entries, visit the GENI website under "News/Events" and "National Geography Awareness Week."

Geography Awareness Week Daily Activities



Matching MONDAY—

⊕ Activity:

- ∄ work in groups and use a map or atlas of the continent of Europe and a European Capital worksheet
- ∄ match the capital to the country
- ∄ go to <http://fga.freac.fsu.edu/gaw/> to download both worksheets (map & European Capitals)

- ⊕ **Word(s) of the Day:** **continent** - any of the seven large continuous land masses that constitute most of the dry land on the surface of the Earth; **country** - a nation or state that is politically independent, or a land that was formerly independent and remains separate in some respects; **capital** - a city that is the seat of government of a country, state, or province

- ⊕ **Website:** <http://fga.freac.fsu.edu/gaw> lesson plans & mapping ideas

Traveling TUESDAY—

⊕ Activity:

- ∄ research a European country you would like to visit
- ∄ design a postcard and see if other students can guess your choice



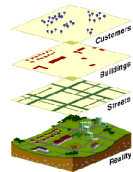
- ⊕ **Word of the Day:** **atlas - map book** - a book containing maps and vital statistics relating to geographic regions

- ⊕ **Website:** <http://www.solarnavigator.net/geography/europe.htm> Europe information

GIS WEDNESDAY—

⊕ Activity:

- ∄ invite a city or county planner, meteorologist or surveyors to come and discuss the use of Geographic Information Systems in their work



- ⊕ **Word(s) of the Day:** **GIS** refers to **Geographic Information Systems** - a tool that allows geographers and analysts to visualize data in several different ways; **Global Positioning System (GPS)** - portable or handheld receiver unit that receives data from the closest satellites to determine the unit's exact location

- ⊕ **Website:** <http://www.gisday.com/> download GIS Day Materials and find speakers for your school or class

Take Action THURSDAY—

⊕ Activity:

- ∄ students write a legislator and voice their opinion on the positives or their concerns about education



- ⊕ **Word(s) of the Day:** **Senate - legislative body** - the sole or upper law-making chamber of government in many countries or states, past or present; **House of Representatives - lower house of Congress** - the lower house of Congress and of most state legislatures in the United States

⊕ Website:

<https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Finale FRIDAY—

⊕ Activity:

- ∄ review European countries by using the word search on page 10.

- ⊕ **Word of the Day:** **Europe** - the second smallest continent after Australia



SHARE YOUR GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITIES WITH US! (geni@iupui.edu)

“Europe” Literature and Other Resources

WESTERN EUROPE

[The Alfie and Annie Rose Storybook](#). Hughes, Shirley. Ages 4-8 (England)
[The Beautiful Butterfly](#). Sierra, Judy. Ages 4-8 (Spain)
[The Boy Who Held Back the Sea](#). Locker, Thomas. Ages 4-8 (Holland)
[Madeline](#) series. Bemelmans, Ludwig. Ages 4-8 (France)
[O'Sullivan Stew](#). Talbott, Hudson. Ages 5-10 (Ireland)
[Pepito's Story](#). Fern, Eugene. Ages 4-8 (Spain)
[Puss in Boots](#). Marcellino, Fred. Ages 5-9 (France)
[The Red Balloon](#). Lamorisse, L.A. Ages 3-8 (France)
[The Story of Ferdinand](#). Leaf, Munro. Ages 4-10 (Spain)
[Strega Nona](#). DePaola, Tomie. Ages 4-8 (Italy)
[The Thread of Life: Twelve Old Italian Tales](#). Vittorini, Domenico. Ages 6-12 (Italy)
[Three Gold Pieces](#). Aliko. (Greece)
[The Trouble with Trolls](#). Brett, Jan. Ages 4-8 (Scandinavia)
[The Woman Who Flummoxed the Fairies](#). Forest, Heather. Ages 4-8 (Scotland)



RUSSIA, UKRAINE AND EASTERN EUROPE

[Baba Yaga](#). Small, Ernest. Ages 5-10 (Russian Folklore)
[Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave](#). Mayer, Marianna. Ages 5-10 (Russian Folklore)
[The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship](#). Ransome, Arthur. Ages 9-12 (Russian Fairytale)
[Koshka's Tales: Stories from Russia](#). Mayhew, James. Ages 5-10 (Russian Folklore)
[The Littlest Matryoshka](#). Bliss, Corinne Demas. Ages 4-8 (Russia to America)
[The Magic Nesting Doll](#). Ogburn, Jacqueline K. Ages 4-8 (Russia)
[Noah and the Devil](#). Philip, Neil. Ages 4-10 (Romania)
[The Sea King's Daughter: A Russian Legend](#). Shepard, Aaron. Ages 5-10 (Russia)

EUROPE PICTURE BOOKS

[Angelo](#). Macaulay, David. Ages 6 – 10 (Rome)
[The Cat Who Walked Across France](#). Banks, Kate. Ages 4 - 7
[Gabriella's Song](#). Fleming, Candace. Ages 4-7 (Venice)
[Garmann's Summer](#). Hole, Stian. Ages 6-10 (Norway)
[How Mama Brought the Spring](#). Manushkin, Fran. Ages 5-8 (Minsk, Belarus)
[Rome Antics](#). Macaulay, David. Ages 7-12
[The Year I Didn't Go to School](#). Potter, Giselle. Ages 5 – 8 (Italy)

EUROPE FICTION

[The Acorn Eaters](#). Pelgrom, Els. Ages 12-16 (Spain)
[Adem's Cross](#). Mead, Alice. Young Adult (Kosovo)
[Aldabra, or the Tortoise Who Loved Shakespeare](#). Gandolfi, Sylvana. Ages 9 – 14 (Venice)
[An Innocent Soldier](#). Holub, Josef. Ages 12-14 (Across Europe)
[The Apprentice](#). Llorente, Pilar Molina. Ages 12-15 (Renaissance Florence)
[At the Sign of the Star](#). Sturtevant, Katherine. Ages 11 – 14 (England)
[Bog Child](#). Dowd, Siobhan. Age 14 and older (Northern Ireland)
[A Book of Coupons](#). Morgenstern, Susie. Ages 9 – 12 (France)
[The Boys From St. Petri](#). Reuter, Bjarne. Ages 12-15 (Denmark)
[The Braid](#). Frost, Helen. Age 12 and older (Scotland)
[Buster's World](#). Reuter, Bjarne. Ages 8-12 (Copenhagen)
[Catherine, Called Birdy](#). Cushman, Karen. Age 12 and older (Europe-Middle Ages)
[Crazy Diamond](#). Chotjewitz, David. Age 14 and older (Germany)
[Dante's Daughter](#). Heuston, Kimberley. 302 pages. Ages 13-16 (Italy)
[Darkness Over Denmark: The Danish Resistance and the Rescue of the Jews](#). Levine, Ellen. Ages 11-14

Emil and Karl. Glatshsteyn, Yankev. Ages 10-14 (Vienna)
Fall-Out. Pausewang, Gudrun. Ages 14 - 16
Fire, Bed & Bone. Branford, Henrietta. Ages 10 – 12 (late 14-Century England)
The Fire-Eaters. Almond, David. Ages 12 – 15 (England)
Forgotten Fire. Bagdasarian, Adam. Young Adult (early 20th-Century Turkey)
In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer. Opdyke, Irene Gut with Jennifer Armstrong. 9-12
The London Eye Mystery. Dowd, Siobhan. Ages 10-14
Manolito Four-Eyes. Lindo, Elvira. Ages 8-11 (Madrid)
Matilda Bone. Cushman, Karen. Ages 8 – 13
The Midwife's Apprentice. Cushman, Karen. Ages 9 - 14
Nicholas and the Gang. Goscinny, René. Ages 8-12
The Night of the Burning: Deborah's Story. Wulf, Linda Press. Ages 10-14
One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II. Judge, Lita. Ages 6-10
The Other Side of Truth. Naidoo, Beverley. Ages 11 – 14
Private Peaceful. Morpurgo, Michael. Ages 14 - 18
The Pull of the Ocean. Mourlevat, Jean-Claude. Ages 10-14
The Ramsay Scallop. Temple, Frances. Ages 11 - 15
Rits. Jongman, Mariken. Ages 11-14
The Robber and Me. Holub, Josef . Ages 10-13
Secret Letters from 0 to 10. Morgenstern, Susie. 10-13 (Paris)
Someone Named Eva. Wolf, Joan M. Ages 10-14 (Poland)
Something Very Sorry. Bohlmeijer, Arno. Ages 9 - 13
A True and Faithful Narrative. Sturtevant, Katherine. Ages 12-15
The Upstairs Room. Reiss, Joanna. Ages 9-12
You & You & You . Nilsson, Per. Ages 14-17
Vendela in Venice. Björk, Christina. Ages 7-10

EUROPE NON-FICTION

Basher Five-two: The True Story Of F-16 Fighter Pilot Captain Scott O'grady. O'Grady, Scott. Ages 9-12
The Fantastic Journey of Pieter Bruegel. Shafer, Anders C.
Fax from Sarajevo. Kubert, Joe. Ages 14 and up
A History of the Romani People. Kyuchukov, Hristo and Ian Hancock . Ages 8-12
Safe Area Gorazde. Sacco, Joe. Ages 15 and up
Shakespeare: His Work and His World. Rosen, Michael. Ages 11 - 14
Till Year's Good End : A Calendar of Medieval Labors . Nikola-Lisa, W. Ages 7-11 (Middle Ages England)
Uncertain Roads: Searching for the Gypsies. Strom, Yale. Ages 9-14
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain. Sís, Peter. Age 9 and older
When the Wall Came Down: The Berlin Wall and the Fall of Soviet Communism. Schmemmann, Serge. Ages 11 and older
William Shakespeare and the Globe. Alike. Ages 8 – 12 (England)

Additional list from the [Florida Geographic Alliance](#)

Suggestions from the Cooperative Children's Book Center, Global Reading Section

www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=280

Additional [resources](#) including GAW [songs](#), from the Hawaii Geographic Alliance

Games that test your knowledge of European countries:

<http://www.purposegames.com/game/countries-europe-quiz>

<http://www.sporcle.com/games/europe.php#>

European Geography [Lesson Plans and Information](#)

3533 Europe [Lesson Plans](#) Reviewed by Teachers

Europe Outline [Map](#)



GIS and Geographic Inquiry

From **eSchool News**—[Technology News for Today's K-20 Educator](#)

"Geospatial" technologies--which include geographic information system (GIS), global positioning system (GPS), and remote sensing (RS) tools--are becoming increasingly important in our everyday lives. These technologies use "smart" maps that can display, query, and analyze geographic databases; receivers that provide location and navigation; and global-to-local imagery and tools that provide context and analysis.

As these tools become vital to helping community leaders ask and answer questions with both local and global implications, the ability to think spatially is an increasingly important skill for students. Hundreds of jobs--in such areas as planning, law enforcement, environmental management, business, public safety, health, and agriculture--now require key geographic inquiry skills.

Though GIS technology appears in the National Geography Standards, teachers in earth, environmental, biological, and general science also are incorporating geospatial technologies into their lessons. The growing use of

these tools in an array of social studies and STEM subjects supports authentic, problem-based instruction, helping students tackle real social and environmental research projects in their communities.

School leaders, too, are using geospatial technologies to help with their planning and decision making. These tools can help districts make more informed decisions related to facilities planning, student transportation, school safety, and more.

With the generous financial support of ESRI, the editors of *eSchool News* have compiled a **special collection** of news stories, best practices, and other resources--all designed to help you integrate GIS and other geospatial technologies into your classrooms.

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Visit the official [website](#) for registration information.

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