A Teacher’s Hands-On Guide to the European Union

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EU Wins 2012 Nobel Peace Prize

EU undergoing severe economic crisis

“Unity in Diversity”: Unresolved Immigration Issues
What is the European Union?

History of European Cooperation

Ever Widening….Ever Deepening

Teaching Resources
What is the European Union?

- **Unique institution** – Member States voluntarily cede *national sovereignty* in many areas to carry out common policies and governance.

- **Not a super-state** to replace existing states, nor just an organization for international cooperation.

- World’s most successful model for advancing **peace and democracy**.

- **Shared values**: liberty, democracy, respect for human rights / fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law.

- **Largest economic body** in the world.

- World’s **most open market** for goods and commodities from developing countries.
## Sizing up the European Union

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<td>501</td>
<td>million combined population</td>
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<td>30%</td>
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Questions
War Experience

- Pre-1945 Europe
  - Great power rivalries, two devastating wars, many revolutions, etc.

- Immediate Post-1945 Europe
  - 40 to 50 million dead
  - Mass movements of peoples
  - No working infrastructure
  - Major cities and ports destroyed

- Realization that nationalism is the most deadly force in history!
Churchill calls for a “United States of Europe”

- European integration is necessary for future peace
- The UK would not participate
- Franco-German cooperation must form the axis, and the two countries must take the lead together

... What is this sovereign remedy? It is to recreate the European Family or as much of it as we can and provide it with a structure under which it can dwell in peace, in safety and freedom. We must build a kind of United States of Europe...
(Zurich, 19 Sept 1946)
How can war be averted?

- Put war making industries under supranational control
  - European Coal and Steel Community (1951)
- Constrain nation states and nationalism in a web of cooperation and rules
  - European Economic Community (1957)
How was France to deal with Germany?

"I could see only one solution: we must bind ourselves inextricably to Germany in a common undertaking in which our other neighbors could join. A European-wide territory of prosperity and peace would thus be created."

~Jean Monnet

Jean Monnet, First High Commissioner of the European Coal and Steel Community
Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements . . . The French government proposes that Franco-German production of coal and steel as a whole be placed under a common High Authority, within the framework of an organization open to the participation of the other countries of Europe...as a first step in the federation of Europe.

The solidarity in production thus established will make it plain that any war between France and Germany becomes not merely unthinkable, but materially impossible. .....  

~Robert Schuman, 9 May 1950
Cold War Setting

- End of Western European great powers and imperial rivalries
- Now bigger threat - the Soviet Union
- Communist threat within highlights need for economic recovery (esp. France and Italy)
- Key events: Greece/Turkey; Czech coup; Berlin airlift

Greek civil war, 1946
Czech Coup, Feb 1948
Berlin airlift, 1948-49
US Support for Integration

- Marshall Plan as an extension of the Truman Doctrine

- Participation required that Europe coordinate
  - Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) set up to administer US aid

- Between 1948-52, approx $13 billion (4% of European GDP) dispersed to 16 countries

Secretary of State George Marshall at Harvard University, 5 June 1947
Economic Benefits

- Contrast economic woes of Europe to experiences of US and Soviet Union
- Single market provided a solution:
  - Comparative advantage - benefits of specialization
  - Economies of scale
  - Bargaining power

Signing of the Treaties of Rome, 25 March 1957
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1952
The European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)

1958
The treaties of Rome:
The European Economic Community (EEC)
The European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM)

2009
Treaty of Lisbon

1987
The Single European Act

2003
Treaty of Nice

1993
Treaty on European Union – Maastricht

1999
Treaty of Amsterdam
EU vs. National Power—1950-2010*


ECONOMIC POLICY
- Goods/services
- Agriculture
- Capital flows
- Persons/workers
- Transportation
- Energy
- Communications
- Environment
- Regional policy
- Competition
- Industry
- Money/credit
- Foreign exchange
- Revenue/taxes
- Macroeconomic

SOCIAL/INDUSTRIAL POLICY
- Work conditions
- Health
- Social welfare
- Education & research
- Labor relations

LEGAL-CONSTITUTIONAL POLICY
- Justice
- Citizenship
- Participation
- Police & order

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/SECURITY
- Trade negotiations
- Economic-military aid
- Diplomacy
- Defense & war

* 2010 are own estimates
Ever Widening…

**Candidates:**
- Croatia
- Iceland
- FYR Macedonia
- Turkey
- Serbia

**Potential candidates:**
- Albania
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Kosovo*

**Timeline:**
- 1973: Denmark, Ireland, United Kingdom
- 1981: Greece
- 1986: Portugal, Spain
- 1995: Austria, Finland, Sweden
- 2004: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia
- 2007: Bulgaria, Romania

Future:
### Impact of successive enlargements

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Teacher Resources
EU Web Resources

- EUCE Lesson Plans
- UNC’s CES Teacher Resources Page
- EU Delegation Lesson Plans
- Educational Quizzes and Games
- Publications about the EU
EU Center of Excellence Resources

- Lesson Plans for K-12 Teachers
  - Sorted by subject and grade level
  - Language Arts, Foreign Languages, Math, Music, Social Studies, Science
  http://www.euce.org/education/k12plans.php

- Multimedia Resources: videos from EU Teachers’ Workshop
  http://www.euce.org/education/k12.php#multimedia
UNC’s Center for European Studies

- Multimedia Websites
  http://www.unc.edu/depts/europe/teachingresources/originalces.htm

- Briefings on Business and Media
  http://www.unc.edu/depts/europe/business_media/index.htm
Euro Economics

- http://www.unc.edu/depts/europe/euroeconomics/
- On-line “textbook” for high school students
- Intro to economics in the EU
- Integration
- Monetary Union
- Fiscal Policy
UNC’s Global Music Show

- http://areastudies.unc.edu/globalmusic/
- Music archive
- Forty 1-hour shows about music in world regions
- Expert commentary
- Lesson plans for Europe
Delegation Resources

- http://eurunion.org/lessonplans/
- Lesson Plans from the Delegation of the European Union
- 9-12 grade level; can be adopted for middle school
- History and Social Science
- Geography, Cultural Identity, Government, Euro, Immigration, Environment, Security
Educational Quizzes & Games

- For kids: http://europa.eu/kids-corner/index_en.htm
- For educators: http://europa.eu/teachers-corner/index_en.htm
Free Publications

- Booklets, maps, posters
- The EU at a Glance
  - EU History, [Founding Fathers](http://europa.eu/abc/index_en.htm)
- Print directly
- Print and purchase
- Free classroom sets
  - [http://mpower.mosaicprint.com/EU](http://mpower.mosaicprint.com/EU)
EU Web Resources

- Audiovisual Materials:
  http://ec.europa.eu/avservices
  - Video
  - Audio
  - Photos

- Slides:
UNC YouTube Channel

- http://www.youtube.com/unceurope