Lesson Focus & Goals
Students will locate the European Union on a map. They will apply the themes of geography as it relates to the European Union.

Materials
- colored pencils
- rulers
- map of the European Union
- Themes of Geography Note Taking Guide
- Computer
- Smartboard
- Personal student devices

Appendix
Make copies for students
- A: European Union Political Map
- B: Instructions for items to be labeled
- C: Themes of Geography

Procedures
- Assess Prior Knowledge: What do you know about the European Union? What questions do you have about the European Union?
- Introductory Activity: Watch the video on the formation of the European Union, followed by a class discussion. What is the EU? Why did it form? What struggles did it overcome? [https://youtu.be/sAKpLw8n7Tg](https://youtu.be/sAKpLw8n7Tg)
- Individual Activity: Have students individually label the countries and bodies of water around the European Union. (Appendix A-B)
- Pair Activity: Have students use the following resources to complete the Themes of Geography note taking guide about the European Union. (Appendix C)

Resources:
Resource Map
Appendix B

European Union Map Instructions

Outline in **RED**, the original member nations of the European Economic Community, also known as the "Inner Six": Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg & the Netherlands.

**Label the 27 member states:**
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden

**Label the following bodies of water:**
- Mediterranean Sea
- Atlantic Ocean
- Arctic Ocean

Appendix B
# Themes of Geography: European Union

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Appendix C