

Brussels-Lux Study Tour 2022

K-12 Teacher Unit Planning Template

Name: Lisa Keener		Unit Plan: Five Lessons	
		Subject/Grade Level: Economics and Personal Finance / 12 th Grade	
Unit Title:	Introduction to the European Union		
Unit Narrative:	This unit will serve as a basic introduction to the European Union. Classes will be focusing on countries involved in the EU, geography, languages, and currency.		
Standards:	EPF.E.1.2 Distinguish market structures in terms of economic characteristics and the roles they play in decision-making and opportunity costs. EPF.E.4.1 Explain the impact of trade on the interdependence between nations.		
Objectives			
→ Students will learn about EU organization, countries that participate, markets, languages and money			
Big Ideas			
→ A brief introduction to the EU and its countries			
Essential Questions			
→ What is the EU? What are the three main bodies and their functions? → What countries chose to participate in the EU? → What markets does each EU country have? → What languages are spoken in each country? What does the EU have so many languages? → What is the EURO? How does this currency compare the US dollar?			
Learning Acquisition and Assessment			
Students will know... (content/concepts) → EU organizations, countries, markets, languages and currency		Students will be able to... (skills, performance tasks) → Briefly explain what the EU is. → List the three main bodies of the EU and their functions. → List several countries and their markets in the EU. → Recognize several languages spoken in the EU. → Recognize the Euro and other currencies used in the EU, and be able to convert currencies.	
Formative Assessments → Map with countries labeled, languages spoken, and currencies used.		Summative Assessments → Country Project / Presentations → Questions on the Unit exam	
Learning Activities (1 week – 5 days): Lesson introduction, body, and closing			
Day 1	→ INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION → EU countries pretest. This map will serve as worksheet of sorts for several activities. https://drive.google.com/file/d/11G-YsedpVEJMFzXg7QwjLxeRLmy4wil6/view → Research the basic structure of the EU → Three main bodies of EU, and their functions. Students should take notes. https://european-union.europa.eu/easy-read_en		
Day 2	→ LANGUAGE AND GEOGRAPHY → Complete an EU countries map using pretest from Day 1, Identify each nation → Identify each of the 24 languages spoken in the EU		

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Day 3	<p>→ MONEY, COINS AND MARKETS FOR EACH COUNTRY</p> <p>→ Students will research the money used in countries within the EU. The money will be added to their map. Students should use the conversion calculator to</p> <p>https://flagsworld.org/currencies-europe.html https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/the-currencies-of-the-european-nations.html</p> <p>→ Learn something new about each country’s markets. This information will be added to their countries map.</p> <p>https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/play-games/eu-whats-it-all-about_en https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/country-profiles_en</p>
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