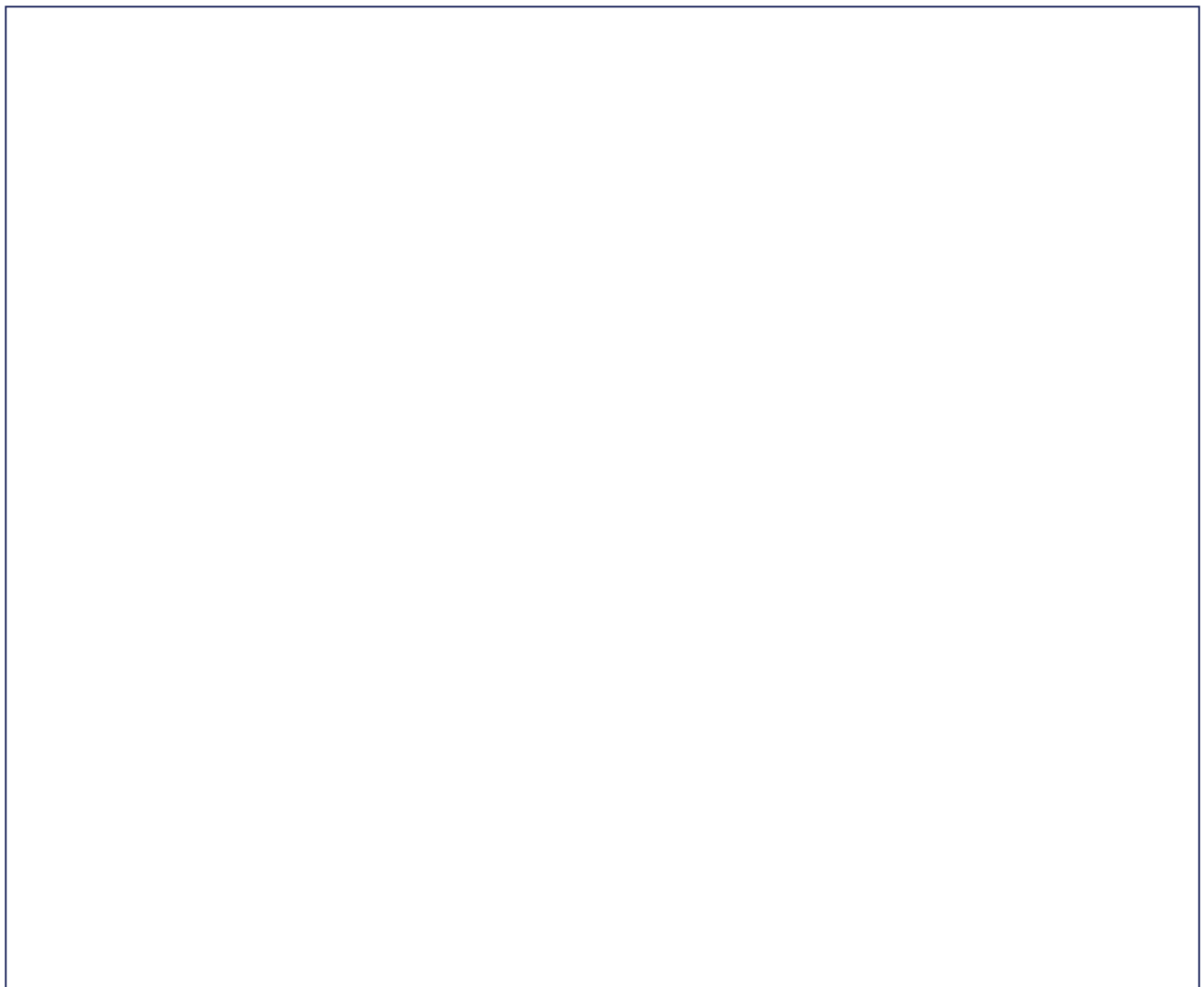


Mapping Our European Neighbors with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and locate countries and physical features within Europe, understanding the diversity of the continent's geography.

Follow the steps below to complete your map of Europe. Use the word bank to help you label your drawing accurately. Finn the Dolphin is cheering you on as you chart your course!

Draw: Draw a large, clear outline map of Europe on your page. Use a fine-liner pen for the borders of the countries. Use blue water-color pencils or light blue shading to represent the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Use a brown colored pencil to draw the jagged shape of the Alps. Add a small, friendly illustration of Finn the Dolphin in the Atlantic Ocean to show he is ready to guide your exploration. Keep your labels neat and use a ruler to draw straight lines from your labels to the correct geographical locations.



Label words: United Kingdom · France · Italy · Germany · Spain · Alps · Mediterranean Sea · Atlantic Ocean · Scandinavian Peninsula

Steps:

1. Label the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean on your map. Explain why these bodies of water were historically important for trade between European countries.
2. Identify the mountain range located in central Europe. Why do mountain ranges often act as natural

borders between countries?

3. Compare and contrast the climate of the Scandinavian Peninsula with the climate of Italy. Justify your answer using geographical knowledge.

4. If you were to travel from the United Kingdom to Germany, which direction would you be traveling? Describe the journey.

5. What might happen if the Mediterranean Sea were to dry up? Predict two potential impacts on the surrounding European countries.

6. Justify why it is important for geographers to use precise labels and clear keys when creating maps of large continents like Europe.