

Finn's European Expedition: Fact-File Template

Learning objective: To identify, locate, and describe key physical and human geographical features of European countries.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the coastlines and cities of Europe. Use this fact-file to conduct your own research on a European country of your choice. Ensure you use specific geographical vocabulary and provide justifications for your findings.

Word bank: continent · longitude · latitude · biome · tundra · population · landmark · currency · climate · topography

1. Location and Geography: Identify the country you have chosen and describe its absolute location using latitude and longitude. Explain why the country's physical geography influences its climate. (3 marks)

2. Human Geography: Detail the capital city and one other major settlement. Compare and contrast the population density of these two areas. Why might people choose to live in these locations? (3 marks)

3. Economic Activity: Research the currency used (if not £) and the primary industries of the country. Justify why these specific industries are successful based on the country's natural resources. (3 marks)

4. Cultural Landmarks: Identify a significant human-made landmark in this country. Describe its historical or cultural importance and explain its significance to the national identity. (2 marks)

5. Environmental Stewardship: What might happen to the local ecosystem if the climate in this country continues to warm? Predict the impact on local flora and fauna. (4 marks)

6. Critical Comparison: Select a second European country. Compare its topography to the country you have researched in this fact-file. Which country would be more challenging to travel across and why? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an explorer planning a grand tour of Europe. Create a travel itinerary for a 14-day trip across three different countries. You must justify your route based on the geographical features and transport links available. Create a budget for your travel in £, accounting for currency conversion rates if necessary.