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Europe Unit European Union Webquest

Overall Directions: On the European Union's official website, locate the section titled "About the European Union" http://europa.eu/about-eu/index_en.htm. Use this as your "home page" to help you answer the following questions.

Basic Information

Click on "Basic Information" http://europa.eu/about-eu/basic-information/index_en.htm to answer the following.

1. Click on "Money and the Euro." What is the euro? How many people use the euro?
2. Click on "The Euro." How many countries in the EU use the euro?
3. Who manages the euro?
4. Using Google define exchange rate. Still using Google, find out what the current exchange rate is for the Euro and US Dollar.

The EU symbols (left hand side)

5. Describe the EU flag. What do the stars in a circle symbolize?
6. When is Europe Day? Why was this day chosen (what is its significance)?
7. What is the EU motto? Do you think this is an appropriate motto – why or why not?

Money and the EU (left hand side)

8. How does the EU gain revenue/income?
9. What does the EU budget pay for?
10. What are the benefits of the euro?

Facts and Figures

Click on "Facts and Figures" http://europa.eu/about-eu/facts-figures/index_en.htm to answer the following.

Living in the EU (left hand side)

11. Which two EU nations' are the largest in surface area size? Which two are the smallest?
12. Which two EU nations' have the largest population? Which two have the smallest? (Population in millions, for example, the EU has a population of about 502 million people.)

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13. Which EU nation has the highest GDP per capita? Which EU nation has the lowest GDP per capita?

The Economy – Under facts and figures - (left hand side)

14. Google the GDP of the European Union. What is the GDP of the European Union and where does it rank in relation to the rest of the countries of the world?

15. What country has the highest unemployment rate? What country has the lowest unemployment rate?

EU Administration (left hand side)

16. How many official languages does the EU have?

Countries

Click on “Countries” http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/index_en.htm to answer the following.

Currently there are 28 countries that make up the European Union.

17. What are the 6 candidate countries?

18. What are the 2 potential candidate countries?

Joining the EU (left hand side)

19. What are the four conditions for membership (or the Copenhagen criteria) that a country must satisfy to apply for the EU?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

History

Click on “History” http://europa.eu/about-eu/eu-history/index_en.htm to answer the following.

1945-1959

20. Why was the European Union set up?

1980-1989

21. What happened in Germany during this decade?

1990-1999

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22. Describe the four freedoms offered to a “single market.”

Researching on your own, answer the following question.

23. Explain why many people call the European Union (EU) the “United States of Europe”?