

# Europe Trade Links

Location, climate, and resources shape trade and settlement.

**SS6G9.a** "Compare how the location, climate, and natural resources of Germany, the United Kingdom and Russia impact trade and affect where people live."

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** In each paragraph, underline one detail about location, climate, or natural resources. Circle words that explain how the detail affects trade or where people live.

### Three Countries, Different Connections

- ① Germany sits in central Europe, close to many neighboring countries and connected by rivers, railways, roads, and North Sea and Baltic Sea ports. This location helps German factories send vehicles, machines, chemicals, and other goods to nearby markets. Germany has coal, potash, forests, and fertile farmland, though it imports much of its oil and natural gas. Its temperate climate supports farming and year-round travel. Many people live in large cities and river valleys, where jobs, transport, and trade are concentrated.
- ② The United Kingdom is an island nation off the coast of mainland Europe. Its many ports and location on busy Atlantic shipping routes support trade with Europe, North America, and other places. The mild, wet climate helps grass grow, so livestock farming is important. The country has limited natural resources compared with Russia, and it imports many raw materials and foods. It exports traded goods, including medicines and vehicles, and traded services, including financial services. People cluster in cities, especially near ports and job centers.
- ③ Russia stretches across eastern Europe and northern Asia, giving it long borders and access to the Baltic, Black, and Pacific seas. Long distances can raise the cost of moving goods. Russia has major supplies of oil, natural gas, timber, coal, and metals, which it sells to other countries. Much of Russia has long, cold winters, and northern land has frozen soil that makes building and farming hard. Therefore, most people live in the milder western part, where cities, farmland, rail lines, and trade routes are more common.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** How does Germany's central location help it trade goods with other countries?

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**2** Explain how the United Kingdom's climate and resources affect what it farms or trades.

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**3** How do Russia's natural resources help its trade, and how does its climate affect where people live?

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**4** Compare Germany's location with the United Kingdom's location. How does each location help trade?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Choose Germany, the United Kingdom, or Russia. In 2 or 3 sentences, recommend a place in that country for a new trade center, using one detail about location, climate, or resources and explaining how the center could affect jobs and settlement.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

In each paragraph, underline one detail about location, climate, or natural resources. Circle words that explain how the detail affects trade or where people live. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                             | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1 | How does Germany's central location help it trade goods with other countries?                        | <b>Germany is close to many neighboring countries and has rivers, railways, roads, and sea ports, so factories can send goods to nearby markets.</b>                                                                                         |
| 2 | Explain how the United Kingdom's climate and resources affect what it farms or trades.               | <b>Its mild, wet climate supports grass and livestock farming. Because it has limited natural resources, it imports many raw materials and foods.</b>                                                                                        |
| 3 | How do Russia's natural resources help its trade, and how does its climate affect where people live? | <b>Russia sells oil, natural gas, timber, coal, and metals to other countries. Cold winters and frozen northern soil make building and farming difficult, so most people live in the milder west.</b>                                        |
| 4 | Compare Germany's location with the United Kingdom's location. How does each location help trade?    | <b>Germany's central mainland location connects it to nearby countries by land and rivers. The United Kingdom's island location gives it ports on Atlantic shipping routes. Both locations provide transportation connections for trade.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

I would place a trade center in a United Kingdom port city because Atlantic shipping routes and ports connect it to Europe and North America. The center could handle imported raw materials and exported medicines or vehicles, creating jobs that attract more people to the city.

Accept answers that accurately connect a country detail to trade and to jobs or settlement. For Part 3, accept any reasonable recommended location supported by a passage detail and a logical prediction.