

Europe's Feature Finder

Sort natural places from places shaped by people.

WG.5 "The students will analyze the characteristics of the regions of Europe by identifying and analyzing the location of major geographic regions and major cities on maps and globes..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

PHYSICAL FEATURE

A physical feature is made by nature. It includes landforms and bodies of water, such as mountains, plains, rivers, and seas.

Iceland's geysers

HUMAN FEATURE

A human feature is built, organized, or strongly changed by people. It can show culture, settlement, transportation, or economic activity.

A canal built to move boats through a city

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle the category for each item; for Part 2, choose two numbered items and explain which details show how you classified them.

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| 1. The Alps mountain range | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 2. The Port of Rotterdam | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 3. The Acropolis in Athens | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 4. The Danube River | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 5. London's financial district | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 6. The North European Plain | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 7. The Mediterranean Sea | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |
| 8. A wind farm in Denmark | ☐ PHYSICAL | ☐ HUMAN |

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3: Write one new European physical feature and one new European human feature.

PHYSICAL _____

HUMAN _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one physical feature and one human feature from your answers. Write two sentences explaining how the physical feature can influence where the human feature is built or what economic activity happens there.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The Alps mountain range	PHYSICAL	The Alps are a natural mountain range.
2	The Port of Rotterdam	HUMAN	A port is built and operated by people for transportation and trade.
3	The Acropolis in Athens	HUMAN	The Acropolis is a human-made historic site.
4	The Danube River	PHYSICAL	The Danube is a natural river.
5	London's financial district	HUMAN	It is an area organized around human economic activity.
6	The North European Plain	PHYSICAL	A plain is a natural landform.
7	The Mediterranean Sea	PHYSICAL	The Mediterranean is a natural body of water.
8	A wind farm in Denmark	HUMAN	Wind turbines are built by people to produce electricity.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PHYSICAL:** Physical feature: The Carpathian Mountains.
- **HUMAN:** Human feature: A ferry terminal in Stockholm.

Challenge: The Mediterranean Sea provides a route for ships. Ports along its coast support trade because goods can move by water.

Accept accurate European examples that are clearly natural for PHYSICAL or built, organized, or strongly altered by people for HUMAN. For Part 2, students should name a relevant clue, such as natural formation, construction, transportation, culture, or economic use.