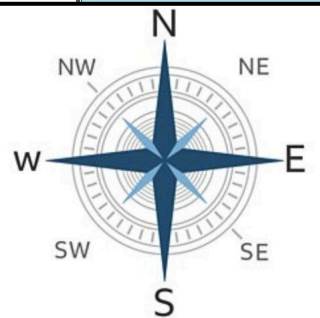




Knowledge Organiser - Geography - Location

Europe

- I already know:**
- The Name & location of the counties and cities of the UK
 - How to use maps to focus on western Europe
 - The key physical and human characteristics of the UK



Key Words

Europe	The second smallest continent in size located in the Northern Hemisphere.
Capital City	Usually the largest city in the country (not always) where the government usually functions.
A political map	can show countries, country boundaries, cities, seas and oceans. They usually don't show physical features.
Physical maps	show the physical features of an area such as major rivers and lakes, relief (shape) of the land, deserts and landforms, such as volcanoes.
A thematic map	a map that is designed to show information about a single topic e.g. climate zones or populations. It does not usually show political or physical features.

Some of Europe's Capital Cities:

- ★ London (UK and England)
- ★ Cardiff (Wales)
- ★ Dublin (Ireland)
- ★ Edinburgh (Scotland)
- ★ Rome (Italy)
- ★ Moscow (Russia)
- ★ Paris (France)
- ★ Berlin (Germany)
- ★ Amsterdam and The Hague (The Netherlands)
- ★ Copenhagen (Denmark)
- ★ Madrid (Spain)
- ★ Oslo (Norway)
- ★ Lisbon (Portugal)



THE 20 REGIONS OF ITALY

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Scotland:

- The longest river in Scotland is the River Tay
- A loch is a glen/valley filled with water and sea lochs are open to the sea.
- Ben Nevis, near Fort William in the Highlands, is the highest mountain in Britain.
- Castle Rock in Edinburgh (the hill under Edinburgh Castle), is the neck of an extinct volcano
- Arthur's Seat is a volcanic mountain in Edinburgh too

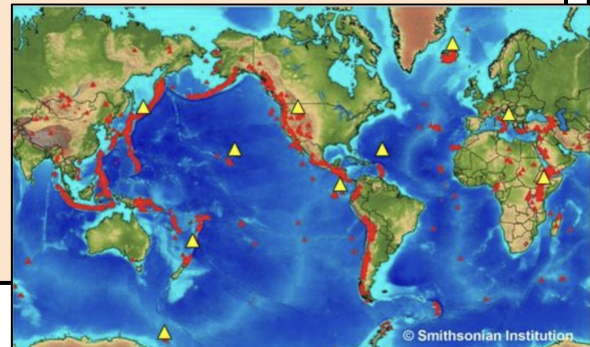
Useful web links

- <http://kidzsearch.com/wiki/>
- <https://www.google.co.uk/maps>
- www.weatherbase.com

Key Words	
Topographical maps	a map that is designed to show information about a single topic e.g. climate zones or populations. It does not usually show political or physical features.
Region	An area of land with common features
autonomous region	a region that has freedom from external control (govern themselves)
Volcano	an opening in a planet or moon's crust through which molten rock and gases trapped under the surface erupt, often forming a hill or mountain.
Active volcanoes	have a recent history of eruptions; they are likely to erupt again.
Dormant volcanoes	have not erupted for a very long time but may erupt in the future.
Extinct volcanoes	are not expected to erupt in the future.
Vegetation belt	an area with distinct plant types, determined by climate, soil, drainage and elevation.

Italy:

- Italy is mostly mountainous with ranges covering a third of the country. The best known ranges are the Alps, the Dolomites and the Apennines.
- Gran Paradiso (4,061 metres) is the highest mountain within Italy.
- The Po is the longest river in Italy.
- Most of the small islands in the south of Italy are volcanic.
- Etna, in Sicily, the largest active volcano in Europe.
- Vulcano and Stromboli are also active volcanoes in Italy.
- Vesuvius, near Naples, the only active volcano on mainland Europe.



Vegetation Belts

There are five major vegetation belts:

- forest
- grassland
- tundra
- desert
- ice sheet

