

The Making of a United Europe

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Summary

This book is about the development of Europe and how it became one large union.

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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What is the name of a place where things are made or put together?

2. What can be burned like wood?

3. What can someone use to hurt another person?

4. Have you ever damaged anything? What?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

1.  • a. movement
2.  • b. earn
3.  • c. recover
4.  • d. democratic
5.  • e. divided
6.  • f. energy
7.  • g. treaty
8.  • h. freedom

Before Reading

B Write the word for each definition.

affect

communist

treaty

belong

enemy

1. _____ an agreement between two nations
 2. _____ a person who believes the government should control the economy
 3. _____ a person you don't like; a person you are fighting or working against
 4. _____ to change something; to cause something to be changed
 5. _____ to be where you are supposed to be; to be part of something

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. The place where a special treaty was signed.
- b. Steel can be used to make weapons for war.
- c. EU countries agreed on four freedoms among the nations: free movement of goods, services, people, and money.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. What did the European Union do to help poorer countries in Europe?
 - a. It moved people from poorer areas.
 - b. It raised taxes in richer countries.
 - c. It gave money to areas with poorer economies.
 - d. It lowered the cost of common foods and drinks.

2. Where was the European Parliament first located?
 - a. In Paris, France b. In Brussels, Belgium
 - c. In Barcelona, Spain d. In Zurich, Switzerland

3. What happened in the same year as the Soviet Union was dissolved?
 - a. Ireland and the UK joined the EU.
 - b. The Berlin wall was opened.
 - c. A single money system was created.
 - d. The Cold War ended.

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A new parliament in a European capital city
- b. Weapons used in fighting
- c. Improvements in farming with a new union
- d. A common money system for many countries
- e. A tradition in a European country



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ Ireland and Denmark joined the union in the same year.

2. _____ Five freedoms were agreed upon in 1993 by the countries in the EU.

3. _____ Before 1980, much of Eastern Europe was communist.

4. _____ All of the countries in Europe use the same money system.

5. _____ In 2011, the United Kingdom chose to leave the EU.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. The new union wanted easy _____ of goods from country to country.
movement recover
2. After 1980, many people and countries did not want to be _____.
democratic communist
3. The EEC soon became the European _____.
Treaty Union
4. People could _____ more money because there were more jobs available.
affect earn
5. Individual countries in Europe were allowed to make their own _____.
laws domestic divided

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ By 1995, 15 countries had joined the EU.
- b. _____ The EEC became the European Union (EU).
- c. _____ The European Steel and Coal Community was created.
- d. _____ The Eurozone was created with a single money system for most of Europe.
- e. _____ Ireland, the UK and Denmark all joined the European Union.

After Reading

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ suggested a union of many different countries in Europe.	Many countries had different political ideas. They said that it was like having an _____ between the East and West.	By _____, fifteen countries had joined the European Union.	A special treaty was signed in _____ about sixty years ago, and the countries started working together to create a common market.	Churchill wanted the European countries to join together so there would be no _____.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.



From this book, I learned _____

Before I read this book, I knew _____

Now I also know _____
