

Exploring Europe

Teacher's guide

What is this section about?

This section offers a set of thirteen lesson plans which enable the teacher to introduce different aspects of Europe to their students.

What will my students learn?

Overall, the thirteen lessons cover a wide range and wide-angled view of looking at Europe. A large emphasis is on the history of Europe, as well as taking a look from a geographical and cultural perspective. The lessons also look at some of key institutions and structures that are part of the modern Europe. Throughout the lessons, the students will begin to see how the Europe as we know it today has evolved over many years and is likely to continue to evolve in the future.

How can I use this section effectively?

These lessons are not prescriptive in nature and can be adapted and developed by the teacher according to their own and students' levels of interest. At any stage in the teaching and learning process, the teacher can link to other activities within this resource, such as an individual or pair research activity from 'Part II: Investigating Europe' or a class activity from 'Part III: Investigating the European Union'.

Teachers who have partnership links with other schools can work collaboratively with these schools using the lesson material as stimulus. They can also share resources and ideas and exchange student work.

Can I use these lessons with my partner school?

The majority of lessons include an idea for a potential activity with a partner school. These ideas are optional and teachers who have no partner school may adapt these ideas and use them as follow-on activities.

What methodologies will I be using?

Over the span of the 13 lessons, a wide variety of teaching and learning methodologies are drawn upon, including both individual and group work. The table below highlights the key methodologies used in each lesson.

Part I – Exploring Europe	Methodologies
1. What Do We Already Know	Quiz
2. The Extended European Family	Geographical Map and Poster Work
3. Where it All Began	Using Ancient Images and Stories
4. Conquering Europe: The Roman and The Holy Roman Empire	Historical Maps and Biography, True/False Statement
5. More Peaceful Times: The Hanseatic League	Historical Maps and Comparisons and Debate
6. Napoleon's Europe	Historical Maps and Discussion
7. Post-World War II: Visions of Europe	Historical Speeches and Role Play
8. Institutions of the European Union	Research and Poster Work
9. Making Decisions in the EU	Role play
10. Human Rights And Responsibilities	Comparisons and Crossword
11. Reforming Europe	Discussion and Role play
12. Euro-Scrabble	Board Game Activity
13. The Road Ahead	Discussion and Debate