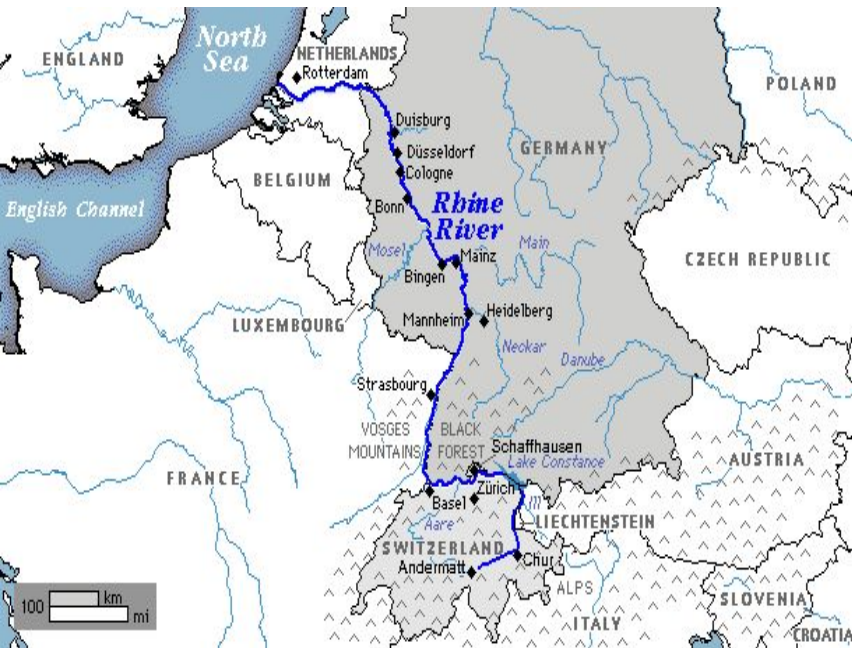


Rhine River

- Longest river in Germany
- An important waterway for trade
- Begins in Switzerland, winds through Germany, France, Luxembourg, & The Netherlands



Danube River

- 2nd largest river in Europe (Volga is first)
- Flows through the 12 countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and -Herzegovina, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, and the Ukraine!
- 1,770 miles long
- Played a vital role in the development of central Europe (trade & cultural diffusion)



The English Channel

- Small body of water that separates England from France
- 350 miles long
- In the past, it was used as a good system of defense for England
- An important waterway for trade



Mediterranean Sea

- Important route for trade & cultural exchange
- “Crossroads for 3 continents” (Europe, Africa, & Asia)
- Surrounds Italy
- Covers an area of 965,000 square miles
- Name means “in the middle of the earth” (surrounded by land)



The Alps

- Mountain range located in Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland, above Italy, Slovenia, & Liechtenstein
- Major tourist destination
- Extend for almost 700 miles!



Mt. Blanc in the Alps



**It's the highest mountain
in the Alps: 15,771 feet.**



Pyrenees Mountains

- Mountain range that forms the natural border between France & Spain
- Extend for about 270 miles



Ural Mountains

- Considered the natural boundary between Europe & Asia
- Divide Russia: 1/4 is in Europe, 3/4 is in Asia
- 1,500 miles long!
- Among the world's OLDEST mountain ranges
- Huge deposits of gold, nickel, silver, platinum, coal, iron, & other minerals

**Ural Mountains:
“The Great Divide”**



**It divides the
European and Asian
sections of Russia.**



Iberian Peninsula

- The Pyrenees form the Northern border
- 2nd largest peninsula in Europe
- Includes the countries of Spain & Portugal



Scandinavian Peninsula

- Largest peninsula in Europe (1,150 miles long)
- Consists of Norway, Sweden, and the northern region of Finland
- Region is rich in timber, iron, & copper



The European Plain

- Largest mountain-free landform in Europe
- Stretches from the Pyrenees in the west to the Ural Mountains in the east
- Extends 2,000 miles
- Successful agricultural area

