

## European Union Writing Prompt-I

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The teacher has requested that you bring information about the EU to share with the class. Unfortunately, the EU papers your father brought are intended for government officials, and the reading level is too hard for most students.

Your writing task is to put together *a half-page to one page report* on the European Union (EU) telling when the EU was begun, how many countries belong to the EU, and what is a goal of the EU. Be sure to list where you got your information for the report!

### Required sites to use:

Wikipedia entry on European Union

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European\\_Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union)

Official website of European Union

[http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ee.html>

## European Union Organization Checklist-I

- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is has correct information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your full name, date, and report title is on the report.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is word processed in a size 12 font or written in black ink.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is a half page to one page in length.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is written in your OWN words!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is organized.

### Report Assessment

Remember that your report will be graded in the areas of:

- A. Ideas & Content - Did you include **ALL** three of the items listed in the Graphic Organizer Table I in the report?
- B. Organization - Did you include **ALL** the items in the Organization Checklist I?

## European Union Content Graphic Organizer-I

<p>When did the European Union begin?</p>	
<p>How many countries are members of the European Union (EU)?</p>	
<p>What is a goal of the European Union (EU)?</p>	

## European Union Writing Prompt-III

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Your writing task is to put together *a half-page to one page report* on the European Union (EU) telling when the EU was begun, how many countries belong to the EU, and what are some goals of the EU. You should also state whether you think the EU is a good idea. Be sure to list where you got your information for the report!

### Required sites to use:

Wikipedia entry on European Union

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Official website of European Union

[http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

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### European Union Organization Checklist-III

- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report has correct information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your full name, date, and report title is included in the report.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is word processed or written in black ink in a size 12 font.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is a half page to one page minimum length.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is written in your OWN words!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your report is organized into 3 or more paragraphs

### Report Assessment

Remember that your report will be graded in the areas of:

1. Ideas & Content - Did you include **ALL** four of the content items listed in the European Union Content Graphic Organizer III in the report?
2. Organization - Did you organize the report so that **ALL** the items in the European Union Organization Checklist III were taken into account?

## European Union Content Graphic Organizer-III

When did the European Union (EU) begin?	
How many countries are currently official members of the EU?	
What are several goals of the EU?	
Do you think the European Union is a good idea?	

## Answer Keys

<p>When did the European Union begin?</p>	<p>The European Union began in 1958 when six counties created the European Economic Community.</p>
<p>How many countries are members of the European Union (EU)?</p>	<p>Answers will depend on current information. In 2011 there were 27 countries that were members of the European Union.</p>
<p>What is a goal of the European Union (EU)?</p>	<p>The goals of the European Union are many. Here is a list of the most commonly known goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To have one market economy that have the same rules and currency</li><li>• To have ease of movement of people and goods between countries</li><li>• To create a policy on the protection of the environment</li><li>• To ensure human rights</li><li>• To uphold executive, legislative, and judicial functions to promote the well-being of the EU members</li><li>• To provide humanitarian aid to countries</li><li>• To provide military security for its members</li></ul>
<p>Do you think the European Union is a good idea?</p>	<p>Answers will vary.</p>