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Balkan Basics KWL

What I know about the Balkans.	What I want to know about the Balkans.	What I learned about the Balkans.

Balkan Basics Vocabulary

Name _____

Vocabulary	Definition	Picture
agriculture		
per capita GDP (Gross Domestic Product)		
industry		
literacy rate		
ethnic group		
government		

Name _____ **Balkan Basics Country Profile T-Chart**

Use the Balkan Basics Country Chart to complete the T-chart below for two countries. Once the T-chart is completed:

1. Circle the characteristics that are similar between the two countries.
2. Put a box around the characteristics that are different for the two countries.

	Country _____	Country _____
How many people live there?		
What major languages are spoken?		
What major religions are practiced?		
What is the literacy rate?		
How rich or poor are they? (GDP and poverty level)		
What ethnic groups live there?		
What agricultural products are grown/raised there?		
What industries are found there?		
What type of government do they have?		
How big is the country in square miles?		

Balkan Basics Country Questions Name: _____

Look at the Balkan Basics Country Chart to answer the questions below.

Which Balkan country is the largest in area (sq km)?

Which Balkan country has the largest population?

Which two Balkan countries have the most ethnic groups (according to the chart)?

Which Balkan country has the highest GDP per capita?

Which Balkan countries are governed by parliamentary democracies?

In which Balkan country is Greek mostly spoken?

Which Balkan country has the highest literacy rate?

Which Balkan countries grow wheat?

Which Balkan country manufactures plastics?

The major religion of which Balkan country has the highest percentage of Muslims?

Which Balkan country has the highest percentage of Serbs?

Which Balkan country has the highest percentage of people living below the poverty level?

Balkan Basics Country Profile Questions Answer Key

Which Balkan country is the largest in area (sq km)? **Greece**

Which Balkan country has the largest population? **Greece**

Which two Balkan countries have the most ethnic groups according to the chart? **North Macedonia and Montenegro**

Which Balkan country has the highest GDP per capita? **Slovenia**

Which Balkan countries are governed by parliamentary democracies? **Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, North Macedonia, Slovenia**

In which Balkan country is Greek mostly spoken? **Greece**

Which Balkan country has the highest literacy rate? **Slovenia**

Which Balkan countries grows wheat? **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Serbia, Slovenia**

Which Balkan country manufactures plastics? **Croatia**

The major religion of which Balkan country has the highest percentage of Muslims? **Kosovo**

Which Balkan country has the highest percentage of Serbs? **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Which Balkan country has the highest percentage of people living below the poverty level? **Greece**

Balkan Basics Writing Prompt

You are a reporter writing an article for a magazine like National Geographic comparing and contrasting the two Balkan countries on your T-chart. Discuss their differences and similarities in terms of culture, type of government, size of their countries, and economies. (Culture includes number of people, major languages, literacy rate, ethnic groups, and major religions. Economy includes the GDP per capita, industries, agriculture, and how many people are below the poverty level.)

Write your magazine article in the space below. (Remember to create a title for your article and a “byline.”)

Paragraph Frame

Name _____

Both Bosnia/Herzegovina and North Macedonia shared the Eastern Orthodox as one of their religions, although only 31 % of Bosnia/Herzegovina's population is Eastern Orthodox, while 65% of North Macedonia's population is Eastern Orthodox.

Both _____ and _____ shared

Although _____,

_____, while _____.

Calculating the Number of Degrees for Each Percentage

The following is a sample that was not used in your assignment that compares how the land is used in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Land Use

Arable Land	23%
Permanent Crops	3%
Pastureland	18%
Forest	28%
Other	28%
Total	100%

23% = $.23 \times 360$ degrees = rounded to 83 degrees

3% = $.03 \times 360$ degrees = rounded to 11 degrees

18% = $.18 \times 360$ degrees = rounded to 65 degrees

28% = $.28 \times 360$ degrees = rounded to 101 degrees

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Checking Your Work

83

11

65

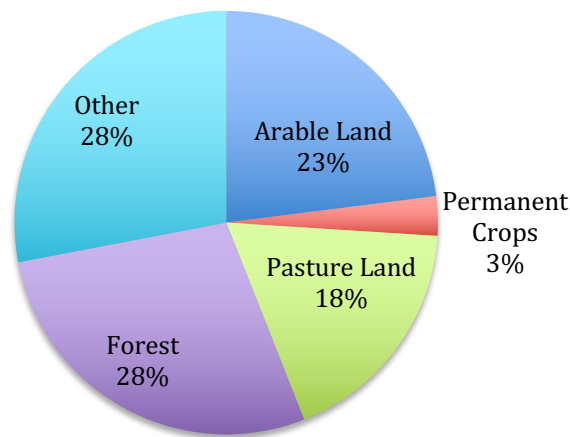
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101

361 (1 degree over due to rounding the numbers)

Sample Graph

Land Use in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Scoring Guide for Graph

Name _____

Requirements	Points Possible	Points Earned
Calculations for converting % into degrees are correctly done.	20	
All of the Balkan countries are represented.	10	
Labels are clearly made.	10	
Title is appropriate for the graph.	5	
Graph is neatly done.	5	
Total	50	

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Balkan Peninsula Chant

I'm the Balkan Peninsula and I'm here to say
I have 10 countries and that's okay.
In 1922, five countries were considered all mine.
And now there are many more to define.

Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece,
Kosovo, and North Macedonia too!
Then there is Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia,
and Bosnia and Herzegovina!
Whew!

Not every book agrees on my countries.
Some sources include Moldova, Romania and Turkey too.
It all depends on who you talk to.

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