

Easy to Read—The European Union https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/easy-to-read_en

European Union Writing Prompt

You are the son or daughter of a member of the European Union Parliament. You are accompanying your father on his business trip to the United States. You have been invited to speak to a class of 7th grade students that has never even heard about the European Union (EU). The teacher has requested that you bring information about the EU to share with the class. Unfortunately, the materials your father brought are intended for government officials, and the reading level is quite advanced. Your writing task is to put together a 1 page report and a map describing the EU. You need to include:

- How many nations currently belong to the EU?
- What countries are working to become part of the EU?
- Has any country ever left the EU? If so, what country?
- What are 3 goals of the EU?
- What role does the EU play in the world?
- Does everyone speak the same language in the EU?
- What is a euro?
- What are the 3 main bodies of the EU?
- What is an interesting fact that you learned about the EU that has NOT already been written about?

Scoring Guide

Name _____

Report Requirements	Points Possible	Points Earned
At least one page in length	20	
Appropriate introduction and conclusion	10	
Written in own words—not copied word for word	10	
Accurate information (Ideas and Content)	20	
Visually appealing—looks neatly done	10	
Map accurately shows the EU members	20	
Good grammar and spelling	10	
Total Points	100	
Comments		

Answer Key (as of 2020)

- How many nations currently belong to the EU? **27**
- What countries are working to become part of the EU? **5 (Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Macedonia, Turkey)**
- Has any country ever left the EU? If so, what country? **Yes, United Kingdom**
- What are 3 goals of the EU? **there is peace in Europe (people have good lives, things are fair for all people and nobody is left out, the languages and cultures of all people are respected, there is a strong European economy, countries use the same coin to do business together, all people are equal and their rights are respected, there is peace, people can move freely from one country to the another)**
- What role does the EU play in the world? **(sells many things and services to other countries, buys things from other countries, helps millions of people who live in poorer countries outside the European Union, and tries to make the world a safer place where people are treated fairly and laws are respected)**
- Does everyone speak the same language in the EU? **No**
- What is a euro? **a coin used by 19 countries in the EU**
- What are the 3 main bodies of the EU? **European Commission (makes laws, appointed by member countries), European Parliament (citizens elect representatives for their countries), and Council of the European Union (represents the governments of member countries)**
- What is an interesting fact that you learned about the EU that has NOT already been written about? **any good answer**