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Southern Europe: Activity 1

Recognizing the Physical and Climatic Characteristics of Southern Europe

Spain, Portugal, Italy, and Greece share a distinctive physical feature. They all sit on peninsulas that lie in the Mediterranean Sea. These and other physical features help influence their climates.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the Correct Answer Review the physical and climate maps of Southern Europe in your textbook. Use what you learn to complete the activity. Circle the letter of the answer that best completes each sentence. Refer to the information in your textbook as needed.

1. Spain and Portugal sit on the _____.

A. Balkan Peninsula **C.** Italian Peninsula
B. Iberian Peninsula **D.** Aegean Sea

2. The shape of the Italian Peninsula resembles _____.

A. a goat **C.** a boot
B. a mountain top **D.** the Alhambra

3. _____ lies on the Balkan Peninsula.

A. Spain **C.** Sicily
B. Andorra **D.** Greece

4. The _____ divide the Iberian Peninsula from mainland Europe.

A. Pyrenees Mountains **C.** Meseta plateau
B. Alps Mountains **D.** Sierra Nevada

5. The _____ run through the center of Greece. Here, elevation determines climate conditions, which are different from most of the country.

A. Thessaly Plain **C.** Pindus Mountains
B. Attica Plain **D.** Peloponnesus Peninsula

6. Coastal areas of Spain, Portugal, Italy, and Greece enjoy a _____ climate with sunny, hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters.

A. Mediterranean **C.** marine west coast
B. steppe **D.** tropical savanna

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Southern Europe: Activity 2

Understanding the Cultural, Historic, and Economic Features of Southern Europe

The countries of southern Europe have many historic sites and a rich cultural heritage. Travelers from around the world enjoy the warm climates, beautiful beaches, ancient sites, and rugged landscapes. Economic activities vary among the countries, however.

DIRECTIONS: Complete a Table Read each descriptive phrase below the table. Each item applies to one or more of the countries. Write the letter of each phrase in the appropriate box or boxes.

SPAIN
PORTUGAL
ITALY
GREECE

A. economy relies on tourism
B. Mediterranean Sea beaches
C. examples of Moorish architecture
D. Atlantic Ocean beaches
E. center of ancient Roman Empire
F. held first Olympic Games
G. dialects include Castilian and Catalan
H. Renaissance began here
I. organized first European civilization
J. established first democracy
K. in 1400s, supported exploration abroad
L. location of Vatican City
M. major religion, Roman Catholicism
N. major religion, Eastern Orthodox
O. leading textile manufacturer
P. leads world in olive oil production
Q. sea and shipping important to economy
R. economic activity in Po River valley

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