

Content Area: Social Studies
Grade/Course: European Studies / ACCN: CHR2200

Strand	European Studies
Standard 1: Understand aspects of European culture	

Topic	The Arts		
Benchmark SS.ES.1.1	Describe trends in the visual arts of Europe		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Provides examples of visual arts from different periods (e.g., Renaissance, Neo-Classical, Realism, Impressionism, Modernism) of European painting.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Describe, with clear and precise detail, trends in the visual arts of Europe	Describe, with detail, trends in the visual arts of Europe	Describe, with minimal detail, trends in the visual arts of Europe	Ineffectively describe trends in the visual arts of Europe

Topic	Literature, Film, Theater		
Benchmark SS.ES.1.2	Explain how European literature and film have reflected issues in European society		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes ways in which European novelists have dealt with totalitarianism (e.g., Malraux, Mann, Orwell, Solzhenitsyn).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Explain, with clear and precise detail, how European literature and film have reflected issues in European society	Explain, with detail, how European literature and film have reflected issues in European society	Explain, with minimal detail, how European literature and film have reflected issues in European society	Ineffectively explain how European literature and film have reflected issues in European society

Topic	Science and Scholarship		
Benchmark SS.ES.1.3	Draw conclusions about European science and scholarship (e.g., European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), the Nobel Prize, deconstructionism)		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Researches the development and significance of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Draw well-supported conclusions about European science and scholarship	Draw supported conclusions about European science and scholarship	Draw partially supported conclusions about European science and scholarship	Ineffectively draw conclusions about European science and scholarship

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Standard 2: Understand political issues among European nations	

Topic	European Union		
Benchmark SS.ES.2.1	Describe the development, purpose, and current status of the European Union (EU)		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes the development of the European Union (EU) and explains its impact on global politics.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Describe, with clear and precise detail, the development, purpose, and current status of the European Union (EU)	Describe, with detail, the development, purpose, and current status of the European Union (EU)	Describe, with minimal detail, the development, purpose, and current status of the European Union (EU)	Ineffectively describe the development, purpose, and current status of the European Union (EU)

Topic	Supranational and Regional Issues		
Benchmark SS.ES.2.2	Explain the tensions in Europe between supranational organizations (e.g., EU, NATO) and regionalism (e.g., national and local autonomy)		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes controversies between the EU, national governments, and local communities over trade policies.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Explain, with clear and precise detail, the tensions in Europe between supranational organizations and regionalism	Explain, with detail, the tensions in Europe between supranational organizations and regionalism	Explain, with minimal detail, the tensions in Europe between supranational organizations and regionalism	Ineffectively explain the tensions in Europe between supranational organizations and regionalism

Topic	The Balkans		
Benchmark SS.ES.2.3	Explain the conflicts following the breakup of Yugoslavia (e.g., conflicts in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo; ethnic cleansing)		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes the stages of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) involvement with the conflicts in areas of former Yugoslavia.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Explain, with clear and precise detail, the conflicts following the breakup of Yugoslavia	Explain, with detail, the conflicts following the breakup of Yugoslavia	Explain, with minimal detail, the conflicts following the breakup of Yugoslavia	Ineffectively explain the conflicts following the breakup of Yugoslavia
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Standard 3: Understand European political relations with non-European countries			

Topic	International Organizations		
Benchmark SS.ES.3.1	Describe the roles of different European countries in the United Nations (e.g., in the General Assembly, on the Security Council, in particular crises and humanitarian missions)		

Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Gives examples of the participation of European countries in UN humanitarian missions (e.g., in Africa, Asia).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Describe, with clear and precise detail, the roles of different European countries in the United Nations	Describe, with detail, the roles of different European countries in the United Nations	Describe, with minimal detail, the roles of different European countries in the United Nations	Ineffectively describe the roles of different European countries in the United Nations

Topic	Terrorism, Security, and Freedom		
Benchmark SS.ES.3.2	Compare how European countries have dealt with terrorism		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Compares anti-terrorist surveillance in European nations (e.g., United Kingdom, Spain, Germany).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Investigate how European countries have dealt with terrorism	Compare how European countries have dealt with terrorism	Describe how European countries have dealt with terrorism	Identify how European countries have dealt with terrorism

Topic	Relations With Large Powers		
Benchmark SS.ES.3.3	Draw conclusions about Europe's political issues with the United States (e.g., military cooperation) and with Russia (e.g., democracy vs. autocracy in ex-Soviet countries)		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Investigates the policies of European countries regarding the United States invasion of Iraq and the Russian invasion of Georgia.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Draw well-supported conclusions about Europe's political issues with the United States and with Russia	Draw supported conclusions about Europe's political issues with the United States and with Russia	Draw partially supported conclusions about Europe's political issues with the United States and with Russia	Ineffectively draw conclusions about Europe's political issues with the United States and with Russia

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Standard 4: Understand European economic issues	

Topic	Monetary and Fiscal Issues		
Benchmark SS.ES.4.1	Describe how the Euro was adopted and its present standing as European currency		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Explains the relationship between the Euro and global financial developments.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice

Describe, with clear and precise detail, how the Euro was adopted and its present standing as European currency	Describe, with detail, how the Euro was adopted and its present standing as European currency	Describe, with minimal detail, how the Euro was adopted and its present standing as European currency	Ineffectively describe how the Euro was adopted and its present standing as European currency
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Topic	East-West Economic Restructuring		
Benchmark SS.ES.4.2	Explain issues related to integrating former Communist bloc countries into the western European economy		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes difficulties and benefits experienced by western European investors in eastern European economies (e.g., renovating industries, improving infrastructure, modernizing banking).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Explain, with clear and precise detail, issues related to integrating former Communist bloc countries into the western European economy	Explain, with detail, issues related to integrating former Communist bloc countries into the western European economy	Explain, with minimal detail, issues related to integrating former Communist bloc countries into the western European economy	Ineffectively explain issues related to integrating former Communist bloc countries into the western European economy

Topic	Interconnected World		
Benchmark SS.ES.4.3	Describe the role of European corporations and governments in globalization		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes European involvement in policies of the World Trade Organization (WTO).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Describe, with well-supported detail, the role of European corporations and governments in globalization	Describe, with supported detail, the role of European corporations and governments in globalization	Describe, with partially supported detail, the role of European corporations and governments in globalization	Ineffectively describe the role of European corporations and governments in globalization
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Topic	Immigration		
Benchmark SS.ES.5.1	Explain issues concerning immigrants from eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Describes the problems faced by Muslim immigrants in European countries.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Explain, with clear and precise detail, issues	Explain, with detail, issues concerning	Explain, with minimal detail, issues	Ineffectively explain issues concerning

concerning immigrants from eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East	immigrants from eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East	concerning immigrants from eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East	immigrants from eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East
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Topic	Intolerance and Conflict		
Benchmark SS.ES.5.2	Describe ethnic and religious conflicts in European history (e.g., the Wars of Religion, anti-Semitism, ethnic cleansing)		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Gives examples of genocidal episodes in European history (e.g., the Holocaust, pogroms, ethnic cleansing, the Ukrainian famine).		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Describe, with clear and precise detail, ethnic and religious conflicts in European history	Describe, with detail, ethnic and religious conflicts in European history	Describe, with minimal detail, ethnic and religious conflicts in European history	Ineffectively describe ethnic and religious conflicts in European history

Topic	Mixed Systems		
Benchmark SS.ES.5.3	Describe how social democracy differs among European countries		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Explains ways in which social democracy was defined in such countries as Sweden, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and the Netherlands.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Describe, with clear and precise detail, how social democracy differs among European countries	Describe, with detail, how social democracy differs among European countries	Describe, with minimal detail, how social democracy differs among European countries	Ineffectively describe how social democracy differs among European countries

Topic	Environmental Problems		
Benchmark SS.ES.5.4	Compare policies of various European countries towards environmental problems		
Sample Performance Assessment (SPA)	The student: Differentiates between the environmental effects of energy production among various European countries.		
Rubric			
Advanced	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Novice
Investigate policies of various European countries towards environmental problems	Compare policies of various European countries towards environmental problems	Describe policies of various European countries towards environmental problems	Identify policies of various European countries towards environmental problems