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Where in the World Are You?

Capital: Paris

Largest Cities: Paris, Marseille, Lyon, Toulouse, and Nice

Population: 60,180,529 (July 2003 est.)

Land Area: 210,669 sq. mi. (545,630 sq km)

Highest Mountain: Mount Blanc
(15,771 ft./4,807 m)

Main Language: French

Ethnic Group: French

Main Religion: Roman Catholic

Government: Republic

Basic Currency: Euro

The flag consists of three equal vertical bands of blue, white, and red.

The third largest European country in area, this country shares borders with eight other countries. The snowcapped Alps in the southeastern part of the country form the border between this country and Italy. Sunny beaches and steep cliffs stretch along the southern coast on the Mediterranean Sea. Fishing villages dot the Atlantic coast of the northwestern part of the country. The peaceful, wooded Loire Valley of the central countryside has many historic chateaux (castles).

Paris, the capital and largest city, has been a world center of art and learning for hundreds of years. Every year, millions of tourists visit such famous Paris landmarks as the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, and the Louvre—one of the largest art museums in the world.

Previous to World War II, the country's economy was primarily based on small farms and businesses. However, since the war, the country has worked to modernize production methods in order to be a major player in world economy and trade. It is, for example, one of the largest producers of automobiles in the world. This country also has large chemical and steel industries. It is a leader in growing wheat,

grapes, potatoes, sugar beets, and apples.

Almost three-fourths of the people live in cities and towns. In the larger cities, most people live in apartments. The older a building is, the more prestigious it is, especially in Paris. These tenants are willing to live with outdated plumbing and other inconveniences in order to enjoy the decorative antique architecture. While city living is generally pleasant, it is more expensive.

Cyclists from around the world flock here every July to engage in the greatest national sporting event of this country. About 200 professional cyclists race for three weeks in the tour around this country and sometimes parts of neighboring countries. One of the most popular team sports is soccer. Most regions have their own teams. Boules, a form of bowling, is also enjoyed by many people. Tennis, swimming, ice skating, fishing, and basketball are also popular sports.

The people of this country feel that cooking is an art. Their gourmet cooking has set the standard for the rest of the world since the 1700's. Some of their specialties include bouillabaisse (a chunky chowder with fish and shellfish) and cassoulet (a casserole made with poultry, pork, sausage, and beans). Crusty bread is served with most meals.

Where in the world are you?

France Crossword Puzzle

Directions: Using the information on page 59 and other resources, complete the crossword puzzle using the clues shown below.

Across

2. Famous bicycle race in France
6. Capital city
7. Mountains between France and Italy
8. Type of French cooking
9. France has large _____ and steel industries.
11. Type of casserole made with meat and beans
12. Famous Parisian cathedral

Down

1. Form of bowling popular in France
3. Type of government
4. Where three-fourths of the people in France live
5. Beautiful buildings found in Loire Valley
10. One of the largest museums in the world

