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World Geography Unit 5 – Europe & Russia’s Physical Geography Study Guide

A study guide is for your benefit. It tells what will be on the test and what to focus your studying on. This is a required and graded assignment; it is due on the day of the test.

1. Know and understand the following terms:

polder	population density
peninsula	plateau
tributary	navigable
rain shadow	tundra
prairies	permafrost
Taiga	steppes
Hydroelectric power	loess
reserves	Siberia

2. Why does Russia have a low population density?
3. What is one important landform shared by Europe and the western part of Russia?
4. Why do only 20 percent of Russia’s people live in Siberia?
5. Describe the rivers in Russia?
6. How does the North Atlantic Current affect weather in northwestern Europe?
7. How much rain do areas west of the mountains in Europe receive?
8. Describe the climate in southern Europe.
9. What is the natural vegetation of much of Europe?
10. What are much of the Russian steppes used for?
11. What are Europe’s most important natural resources?
12. Why are the countries of Northern and Alpine Europe able to develop hydroelectric power?
13. Why has the Ruhr been one of Western Europe’s most important industrial regions?
14. How do Eastern Europe’s resources compare to those of Western Europe?
15. Why has Russia not developed its natural resources as much as Western Europe?