

Essay and Discussion Questions

## Europe High School Questions

Help students understand Europe through these essay and discussion questions.

### Questions

1. In what ways did Europe attempt to reinvent itself after World War II?
2. How did the end of the Cold War change the purpose of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?
3. What are the goals of the European Union (EU)? How have they changed over time?
4. In what areas do EU members cooperate and coordinate?
5. Has the EU had a positive or negative effect on its members?
6. Why is freedom of movement important to Europeans? What challenges does it bring?
7. How does the eurozone improve European economies? How does it limit them?
8. What role has nationalism played in the history of Europe?
9. Why does Europe generally enjoy a high standard of living?
10. What challenges does Europe's aging population bring to the region?
11. Why is populism rising and social democracy declining in the region?
12. What seem to be Russia's geopolitical goals? To what extent has it been successful in pursuing them?
13. Do recent tensions between the United States and Europe represent the beginning of a new trend or a brief aberration?