



# La France



## General Information

1. Capital: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Official language: *le* \_\_\_\_\_
3. Official name (in French!) \_\_\_\_\_
4. National Anthem: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Flag: *le tricolore* (tri-color) 3 vertical sections of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
6. National Motto: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(what does this mean in English? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_)
7. Official symbol \_\_\_\_\_

## Government

1. Form of government: parliamentary democracy – currently the \_\_\_\_\_th Republic.
2. Head of state: *Président* (elected by people for a \_\_\_\_\_ year term).
3. The current *Président*: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Executive: Prime Minister and President each have \_\_\_\_\_ powers.
5. Legislature: parliament of two houses
  - a. The National Assembly has (\_\_\_\_\_ members) – more powerful than the Senate;  
They serve a \_\_\_\_\_ year term.
  - b. The Senate has (\_\_\_\_\_ members) and Senators serve a \_\_\_\_\_ year term.
6. Judiciary: the highest court is the Court of \_\_\_\_\_
7. Political Subdivisions: \_\_\_\_\_ regions / \_\_\_\_\_ departments.

## People

1. Population: \_\_\_\_\_, 000,000 (approximately)
2. Major ethnic groups:  
\_\_\_\_\_ % French / \_\_\_\_\_ % immigrants
  - a. The 5 largest immigrant groups are: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
3. France's major religions include: \_\_\_\_\_ % Roman Catholic / \_\_\_\_\_ % Muslim, / \_\_\_\_\_ % Protestant / \_\_\_\_\_ % Jewish / \_\_\_\_\_ % Buddhist / \_\_\_\_\_ % Unaffiliated



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### Economy

1. The basic currency unit is the \_\_\_\_\_,  
French paper currency often features famous \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. France's chief agricultural products include: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
3. France's major industries include: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
4. The percent of energy France gets from nuclear power \_\_\_\_\_ %
5. France's world ranking in tourism is # \_\_\_\_\_

### Land & Climate

1. Bordering Countries:
  - a. *l'* \_\_\_\_\_ (Spain)
  - b. *l'* \_\_\_\_\_ (Italy)
  - c. *la* \_\_\_\_\_ (Switzerland)
  - d. *l'* \_\_\_\_\_ (Germany)
  - e. *la* \_\_\_\_\_ (Belgium)
  - f. *le* \_\_\_\_\_ (Luxembourg)
  - g. *La principauté de* \_\_\_\_\_ (Monaco)
  - h. *l'* \_\_\_\_\_ (Andorra)
2. Bordering bodies of water include:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. France is often referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ because of its shape.
4. France is often compared to the U.S. State of \_\_\_\_\_ because of its similarity in land area. Actually, France is larger / smaller than this state covering \_\_\_\_\_ square miles.



### Major Mountain Ranges

1. *Les* \_\_\_\_\_ separate France from Spain. The small country of \_\_\_\_\_ is contained entirely in this mountain range.
2. *Les* \_\_\_\_\_ separate France from Italy & Switzerland and contain France's tallest mountain, \_\_\_\_\_, a popular ski destination that is 4,808 meters tall.
3. *Les* \_\_\_\_\_ separate France from Germany.
4. *Le* \_\_\_\_\_ separates France from Switzerland along the northwestern border of Switzerland.
5. *Le* \_\_\_\_\_ is located in South Central France and is the remnants of volcanoes.

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### Major Rivers

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2. *La* \_\_\_\_\_ is France's longest river and is most famous for the *chateaux* (castles) found along its banks. It is not as navigable as the *Seine* because of all of its twists and turns.
3. *Le* \_\_\_\_\_ begins in Switzerland and merges with the *Saone* River at \_\_\_\_\_. It then flows south to the Mediterranean Sea near Marseille. It is France's largest source of hydroelectric power with 18 different hydroelectric complexes along its banks.
4. *La* \_\_\_\_\_ rises in the *Pyrenées* and travels through the city of *Bordeaux* on its way to the Atlantic Ocean.
5. *Le* \_\_\_\_\_ forms part of the border between France and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Transportation

1. The TGV or \_\_\_\_\_ travels at speeds up to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The French subway system is called *le* \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Travelling between London and Paris takes \_\_\_\_\_ and the train spends 35 minutes in a tunnel under the \_\_\_\_\_.

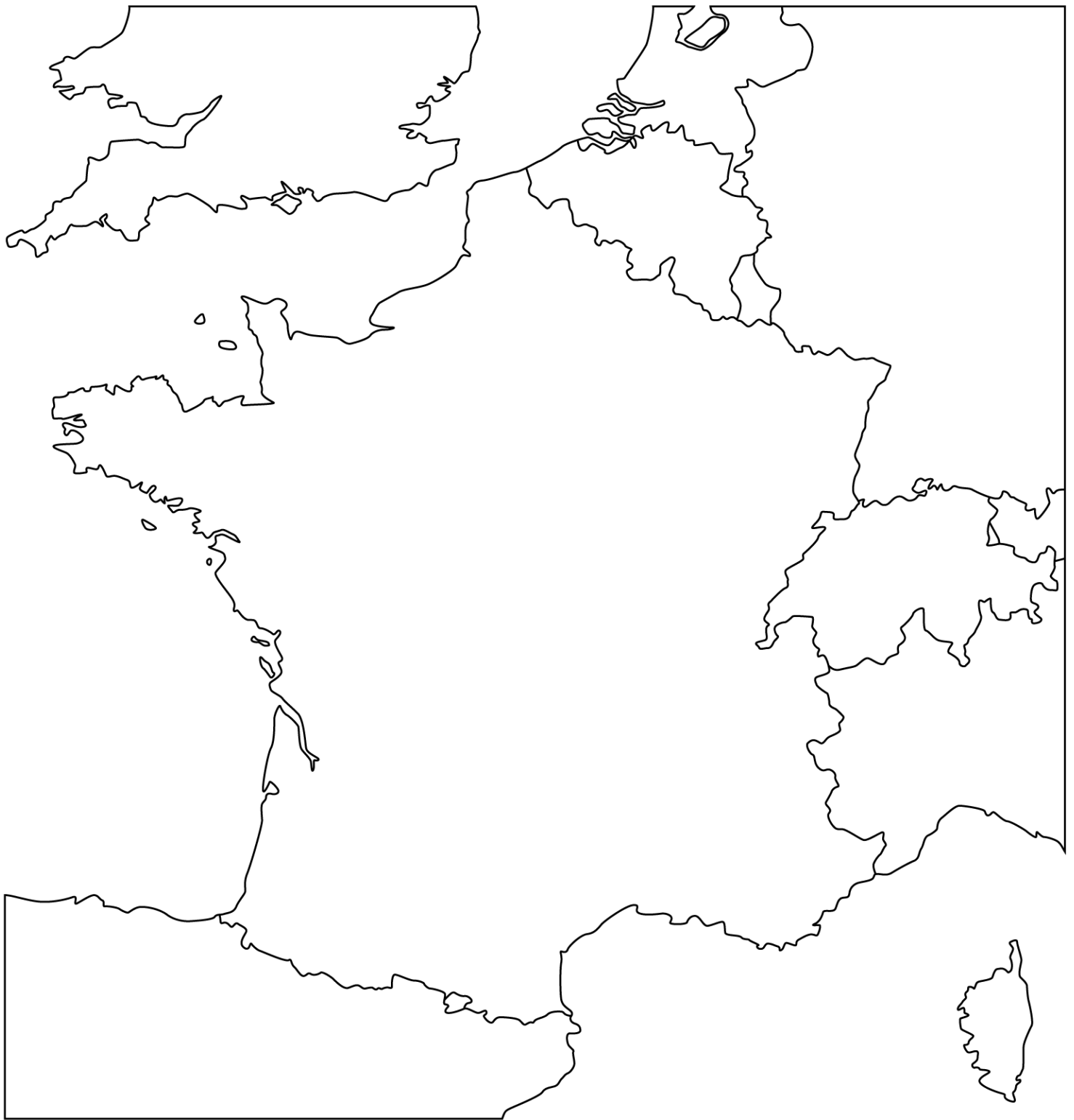


### Language

1. French students begin studying a 2<sup>nd</sup> language at age \_\_\_\_\_ and a 3<sup>rd</sup> language at age \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The most commonly studied foreign language is \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the next most studied foreign languages.

### Recreation

1. The most popular team sport in France is \_\_\_\_\_ while some of the most popular individual sports are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Most French businesses and shops are closed during the month of \_\_\_\_\_ while most French people take vacation.
3. France's national holiday is called \_\_\_\_\_ and celebrates the \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of the \_\_\_\_\_.



**Label the above map with the following features: Color it neatly using different colors for the neighboring countries. Your grade will be based on your neatness! All label names should be in French!!!**

**Countries:** Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, England, Andorra, Monaco

**Cities:** Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Bordeaux, Toulouse, Nice

**Bodies of Water & Rivers:** The Mediterranean Sea, The English Channel, The Atlantic Ocean, *la Seine, la Rhône, le Rhin, la Garonne, la Loire*

**Mountain Ranges:** *les Pyrénées, les Alpes, le Massif Central, le Jura, les Vosges*

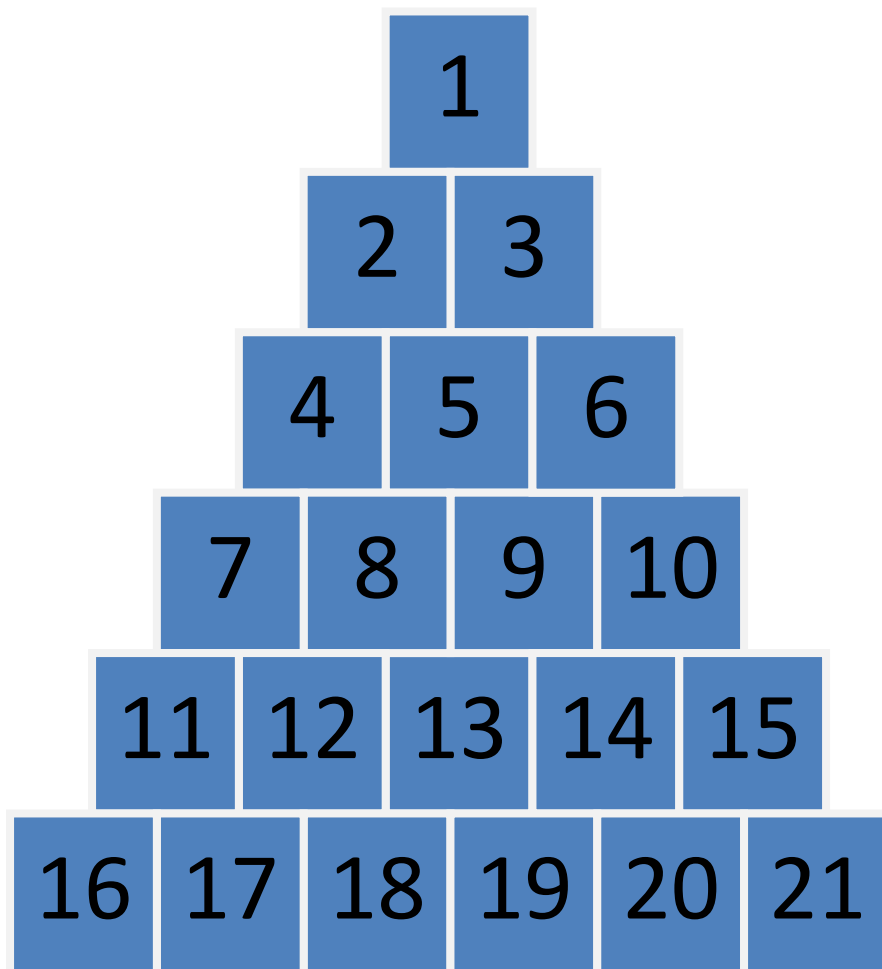
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## FRENCH GEOGRAPHY REVIEW GAME! TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS



This is a game similar to \$10,000 pyramid. Start by creating a large game board like the following pyramid with 21 boxes and numbers. You could create it electronically or on an overhead transparency or download the **21 Interactive PowerPoint Review Game** from my *Teachers Pay Teacher's* page.



Prepare 21 questions (see question page) and assign each question a random point value. Points can be anything you want them to be, but I usually make them between -50 and +50 (yes, negative points!)

I also assign a few questions to have a consequence rather than a point value (see question page for examples).

Form between 2 and 4 teams. Each team will take turns choosing a number between 1 & 21 and trying to answer the corresponding question.

An example turn takes place as follows:

1. A player from Team 1 comes to the front of the class and selects a square.
2. Teacher asks the question (without revealing the point value of the question).
3. Decide in advance whether you will allow the student to get help from their team or whether the student is completely on their own to answer.
4. If the student answers the question correctly, their team gets control of the square.
5. If the student misses the question, the next team in order gets a chance to steal the question and get control of the square by answering correctly.
6. Once control of the square is established, the controlling team decides whether to keep the points or give them away. Only after they have decided, the teacher reveals the point value of the question or the consequence to the team with control.
7. The square can no longer be selected during the game.
8. A scorekeeper keeps track of the team scores.
9. Play continues with the next team.

You can use the questions on the next page or create your own with the template on the following page. Save your questions for future play.

The kids love this game because the scoring is so unpredictable. The team with the brainiac students doesn't really have that big of an advantage, especially if you use some of the consequences such as reset your score to zero or reverse your score. The lead changes hands often and you don't usually know who will win until the game until the last turn or two.

The **21 Interactive PowerPoint Review Game** on the Teacher's Pay Teacher's site already has the points and consequences assigned to each question. You run the PowerPoint and then, when it is time to reveal the score, just click on the selected number and the points or consequence are revealed. There are two complete different game boards and a third customizable game board so you can use and reuse the PowerPoint as many times as you want. The nice thing about this game is that it will work for any subject or topic and all you have to do is have 21 questions prepared. Sometimes, I even have my students each write 1 or 2 questions and give them to me and I randomly select one as we are playing. If you have students write the questions, they are reviewing as they come up with a good question and you have no prep work!



# FRENCH GEOGRAPHY REVIEW GAME!

## QUESTION SHEET



#	Question	Pt Value / Consequence
1	What is the name of the French national Anthem? ( <i>La Marseillaise</i> )	+30
2	What does TGV mean? ( <i>train à grande vitesse</i> )	-10
3	What is the most popular team sport in France ? (soccer)	-30
4	What is the name of the body of water that separates France from England ( <i>La manche</i> )	-20 & Lose your next turn
5	Who is the current President of France? (Nicolas Sarkozy in 2011)	+40
6	What is the geographical shape of France? (Hexagon)	+50
7	Which U.S. State is equal in size with France? (Texas)	-40
8	How many regions are there in France? (22)	-20
9	What is the name of the highest court in France? ( <i>Cours de Cassation</i> )	Reverse your Score
10	What is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> most common religion in France? (Muslim)	+20
11	Which river runs through Paris? (la Seine)	-40
12	What is the name of the mountain range that separates France from Spain? ( <i>Les Pyrenées</i> )	Double your Score
13	Which two French regions used to be part of Germany? ( <i>Alsace and Lorraine</i> )	+10
14	Which mountain range separates France from Germany? ( <i>Les Vosges</i> )	+20
15	What is the French subway system called? ( <i>le Metro</i> )	-50
16	What is the Loire River famous for? (longest river in France, a lot of châteaux)	+30
17	What is the name of France's national holiday? (Bastille Day)	-40
18	How many departments are there in France? (96)	+10 or take another turn
19	During which month are many French businesses and shops closed while their owners are on vacation? (August)	+20
20	Name one of the two smallest neighboring countries of France. (Andorra & Monaco)	-30
21	What is featured on French currency? (Artists and Writers)	+40



## 21 REVIEW GAME QUESTION SHEET



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## ANSWER KEY

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2. Official language: *le* français
3. Official name (in French!) la république française
4. National Anthem: La Marseillaise
5. Flag: *le tricolore* (tri-color) 3 vertical sections of bleu, rouge, and blanc (blue, white & red)
6. National Motto: liberté, égalité, fraternité  
(what does this mean in English? liberty, equality, brotherhood)
7. Official symbol le coq (or Marianne)

### Government

1. Form of government: parliamentary democracy – currently the 5th Republic.
2. Head of state: *Président* (elected by people for a five year term).
3. The current *Président*: Nicolas Sarkozy
4. Executive: Prime Minister and President each have separate powers.
5. Legislature: parliament of two houses
  - a. National Assembly has (577 members) – more powerful than Senate;  
They serve a five year term.
  - b. The Senate has (331 members) and Senators serve a - six year term.
6. Judiciary: the highest court is the Court of Cassation
7. Political Subdivisions: 22 regions / 96 departments.

### People

1. Population: \*65,000,000 (approximately) (**in 2011**)
2. Major ethnic groups:  
80 % French / 20 % immigrants
  - a. The 5 largest immigrant groups are: Italians, Portuguese,  
Spaniards, Poles, Immigrants from former French colonies including North Africa, West Africa, the Caribbean and Southeast Asia
3. France's major religions include: 85 % Roman Catholic / 8 % Muslim, / 2 % Protestant / 1 % Jewish / 1 % Buddhist / 4 % Unaffiliated



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### Economy

1. The basic currency unit is the  Euro ,  
French paper currency often features famous  artists  and  writers .
2. France's chief agricultural products include:  wine ,  milk ,  
 butter ,  cheese ,  barley ,  wheat
3. France's major industries include:  steel ,  motor vehicles ,  aircraft ,  
 textiles ,  chemicals ,  food processing
4. The percent of energy France gets from Nuclear Power  80  %
5. France's world Ranking in tourism is #  1

### Land & Climate

1. Bordering Countries:
  - a.  l' Espagne  (Spain)
  - b.  l' Italie  (Italy)
  - c.  la Suisse  (Switzerland)
  - d.  l' Allemagne  (Germany)
  - e.  la Belgique  (Belgium)
  - f.  le Luxembourg  (Luxembourg)
  - g.  la principauté de Monaco  (Monaco)
  - h.  l' Andorre  (Andorra)
2. Bordering bodies of water include:
  - a.  La mer Méditerranée
  - b.  L'océan Atlantique
  - c.  La Manche (English Channel)
3. France is often referred to as  l'hexagone  because of its shape.
4. France is often compared to the U.S. State of  Texas  because of its similarity in land area. Actually, France is  larger   smaller  than this state covering  211,208  square miles.



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4. La Garonne rises in the *Pyrenées* and travels through the city of *Bordeaux* on its way to the Atlantic Ocean.
5. Le Rhin forms part of the border between France and Germany.

### Transportation

1. The TGV or train à grande vitesse travels at speeds up to 300 km / h.
2. The French subway system is called le Métro.
3. Travelling between London and Paris takes Three hours and the train spends 35 minutes in a tunnel under the English Channel.



### Language

1. French students begin studying a 2<sup>nd</sup> language at age 9 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> language at age 13. The most commonly studied foreign language is English. Spanish and German are the next most studied foreign languages.

### Recreation

1. The most popular team sport in France is Soccer while some of the most popular individual sports are cycling, tennis, fishing, hiking, skiing and sailing.
2. Most French businesses and shops are closed during the month of August while most French people take vacation. France's national holiday is called Bastille Day and celebrates the Storming of the Bastille Prison at the beginning of the French Revolution.