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Europe





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Small Continent, Large Population



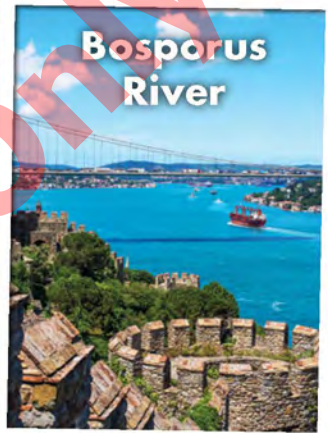
Colosseum

Many people live in Europe.
It is the second-smallest
continent in **area**. But it has
the third-largest **population**.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ancient Greece was an early society that came up with important ideas that the world still uses today.
- In Venice, Italy, waterways flow through the city instead of streets. People take boats to get to places.
- Vatican City is a country that is smaller than New York City's Central Park!
- The Bosphorus River divides Istanbul, Turkey into both Europe and Asia.

Bosphorus River



The Colosseum is a famous **landmark** in Italy. In France, the Eiffel Tower looks out over Paris.

Where Is Europe?



To Europe's north is the Arctic Ocean. The Atlantic Ocean lies to Europe's west. To its south is the Mediterranean Sea. Asia borders eastern Europe.



The **prime meridian** passes through Europe. This places Europe in the Western, Eastern, and Northern **hemispheres**.

The Land and Climate



Alps

Low **plains** cover much of Europe. Forests and **tundra** blanket the north.

Some mountains rise in Europe. The Alps cross central Europe. The Pyrenees separate Spain and France. Europe's eastern border in Russia is made by the Urals.

