

Year 4 Geography Knowledge Organiser - Rhine and Mediterranean

The Rhine

- Flows through 6 Countries:
 - Switzerland
 - Liechtenstein
 - Austria
 - Germany
 - France
 - Netherlands
- The source is in the Alps in Switzerland
- The mouth of the Rhine is at the North Sea in Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Tributaries: Main (*mine*), Moselle (*Moe-ze*) and Neckar
- The Rhine is 764 miles long

Vocabulary

1. Tributary	A river flowing into a main river. The tributary does not meet the sea
2. Confluence	The part where 2 rivers meet - typically of equal size
3. Banks	The land alongside a river - often sloping
4. Flood walls	A concrete wall put up on the bank of a river to prevent the river overflowing
5. Port	Town/city with a harbour where ships can dock
6. Harness	Make use of natural resources to make energy - "Harness the power"
7. Import	To bring goods into a country
8. Export	To sell goods to other countries
9. Wetlands	Land consisting of marshes and swamps
10. Strait	A narrow passage of water connecting to seas or oceans
11. Peninsula	A piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water
12. Mainland	A large continuous piece of land

Cologne: City on the Rhine

- 2000 years ago the Romans built a settlement on the Rhine
- Originally a village, grew to a town and developed into a city - it does have a cathedral
- Cologne has lots of bridges - people can live and work on both sides of the river
- Cologne is famous for its Christmas markets
- Flood walls had to be built as Cologne is the most likely city in Europe to flood



Rotterdam: City on the Rhine

- Rotterdam is a port at the mouth of the river
- Often called the "Gateway to Europe" as goods are delivered here and then transported across Europe
- There is a large wind farm here as it is very windy in the North Sea which the Rhine flows into
- Rotterdam imports and exports lots of goods all over the world, not just in Europe



The Mediterranean Sea

- The Mediterranean Sea touches three continents: Europe, Asia and Africa
- The strait of Gibraltar connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean
- The Mediterranean Sea contains two more seas: Balearic Sea and the Aegean Sea
- 21 countries have coastlines on The Mediterranean Sea
- The Mediterranean Sea is an enclosed sea: almost entirely closed in

The Suez Canal

- Located in Egypt
- Built to reduce shipping transport times to Europe - avoiding the dangerous water off Cape of Good Hope in South Africa
- Connects the Mediterranean with the Indian Ocean
- There are no locks on this canal
- Around 50 ships sail through the Suez Canal every day.



Did you know...?

The UK's longest River; The Severn (220 miles) plus The Thames (215 miles) would still **NOT** be as long as the Rhine at 764 miles long!

