

The World of Europe

Thinking About History

- Turn to pages 10–11 of the Atlas. Read the overview and the quotation. Also look at picture A and map B, “Map of the World.” Write **T** if the statement is true and **F** if the statement is false.
 - _____ The period in European history between 1350 and 1600 was called the Renaissance.
 - _____ Columbus believed that most of the world was water.
 - _____ Explorers knew the world was a sphere.
 - _____ Most people knew how big the world was.
 - _____ In 1490 Europeans knew that the Americas existed.

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

- Compare map B with the world map on pages 116–117. Match the name from the 1490 map with the area’s name today.

Name on 1490 Map

- Fruitful Arabia •
- Tartaria •
- East India •
- Western Ocean •

Name Today

- China
- Russia
- Atlantic Ocean
- Saudi Arabia

People and Their Environments

- Look at graph C, “Population Sizes.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - In 1492 the continent with the largest population was _____.
 - This continent had a population of _____.
 - The smallest of the continents in land area was _____.
 - More people in Europe lived in _____ than did people in Africa and in the Americas.
 - The Americas have more land area than either Africa or Europe. However, they had _____ people than either continent in 1492.

People and Cultures

4. Look carefully at pictures A and D. Also look at map E, “Western Europe.” Write **L** if the statement refers to Lisbon, **V** if the statement refers to Venice, or **B** if the statement refers to both.
- Buildings open directly onto the water. _____
 - Buildings open onto docks or land. _____
 - People use boats and ships for transportation. _____
 - Ships are extremely important to the city. _____
 - The larger of the two cities in 1492. _____

History Through Maps

5. Look again at map E. Use the information to complete the chart below.

Country	Its Territory or Territories
Portugal	
Spain	
	Netherlands, Swiss Confederation, Genoa
Papal States	
Denmark	

Gathering the Facts

6. Look at map E. Circle the cities with a population of over 100,000.
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| a. London | g. Florence |
| b. Paris | h. Vienna |
| c. Ghent | i. Venice |
| d. Cordoba | j. Palermo |
| e. Rome | k. Milan |
| f. Naples | l. Granada |