Europe: Zoom in on Italy

Big Question: Italy is the 5th most visited country in the world. What attracts the 100 million visitors each year?

	Vocabulary				
1	continent One of the 7 large landmasses of the Earth.				
2	Mediterranean	The countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.			
3	European Union	A political and economic union of 27 states.			
4	Mediterranean	Largest enclosed sea in the world. Coastline on 24 countries in			
	Sea	Europe, African and Asia.			
5	Strait of	The entry point to the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean.			
	Gibraltar				
6	Suez Canal	An artificial waterway connecting the Red Sea in Africa to the			
		Mediterranean Sea			
7	economy	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
		jobs, tourism)			
8	culture	The habits, traditions and beliefs of a country, society or group of			
		people (including food, music, arts, language, history, religion)			
9	climate	The weather conditions in an area in general.			
10	peninsula	A long, thin piece of land that has water around most of it.			
11	region	A particular area of a country.			
12	Physical	Natural features of the Earth eg mountains, rivers, volcanoes,			
	features	beaches, shrubland			
13	transcontinental	A country that is in two continents (Russia in Europe and Asia)			
14	border	A line which separates two countries.			
15	mainland	The piece of land that contains most of a country.			
16	coastline	Where the land meets the sea or ocean.			
17	population	The number of people living in a country.			
18	currency	The money used in a certain place.			
19	traditional	Something that people have done for a long time.			

Zoom in on Italy					
Rome	Colosseum	Po River	Alps		
Roman Empire	Pompeii	Leaning tower of Pisa	Mont Blanc		



There are 44 countries in Europe including the world's smallest country (Vatican City) and the world's largest (Russia). Europe's population is around 748 million people with 80% living in and around cities. The largest cities are Istanbul (15.4 million), Moscow (12 million), London (8.9 million) and St Petersburg (5 million).



