

Unit Four

Spain

Vocabulary:

coast:	the land next to the sea, seashore
cliff:	high wall of rock facing the sea
beach:	an area of sand and rocks next to the sea
harbour:	a body of water deep enough for anchoring a ship and providing protection from the weather
island:	area of land surrounded by water
lighthouse:	a tower displaying a bright light to guide ships
road:	a paved way made for travelling by a motor vehicle, street
building:	construction used as home for people or as an office
landscape:	area of natural scenery that can be seen from a single viewpoint

Political Geography of Spain:



N.º	COMUNIDAD	CAPITAL
1	 Galicia	Santiago de Compostela
2	 Principado de Asturias	Oviedo
3	 Cantabria	Santander
4	 País Vasco	<i>*Vitoria</i>
5	 Navarra	Pamplona
6	 Aragón	Zaragoza
7	 Cataluña	Barcelona
8	 Castilla y León	<i>*Valladolid</i>
9	 La Rioja	Logroño
10	 Comunidad de Madrid	Madrid
11	 Extremadura	Mérida
12	 Castilla-La Mancha	Toledo
13	 Comunidad Valenciana	Valencia
14	 Islas Baleares	Palma de Mallorca
15	 Andalucía	Sevilla
16	 Región de Murcia	Murcia
17	 Islas Canarias	Las palmas de Gran Canaria y Santa Cruz de Tenerife
NOTA: *No tienen capital legalmente establecida		

Physical Geography of Spain:



The Pyrenees

Form a natural border between Spain and France



The Desierto de Tabernas

The only desert in Europe is in Almería, to the south-east of Spain



Archipelagos

There are two big archipelagos in Spain: the Islas Canarias and the Islas Baleares

Coast

There are over 7,000 km of coast in Spain

The Meseta Central

Is a big plateau located in the center of the Iberian Peninsula

The Cordillera Cantábrica

extends across the north coast of Spain. The highest points include Los Picos de Europa



The Sistema Central

is the longest mountain range in Spain, extending about 700 km



Sierra Morena

Is one of the last remaining habitats of the Iberian Lynx



The Cordillera Bética,

to the south of Spain, is home to the highest peak in the peninsula, El Mulhacén (3,478 m)



Rivers of Spain:

Thousands of rivers flow across the Iberian Peninsula, but most of them are small and dry up during the summer. The major rivers travel hundreds of kilometers through many villages, towns and cities, and are important for the agriculture. They also provide drinking water. These big rivers begin in the mountain ranges and flow into the different bodies of water surrounding the Peninsula.

The **Tajo** is the longest and one of the most important rivers in the Iberian Peninsula. Many man-made dams and reservoirs along the Tajo provide fresh drinking water for central Spain and Portugal. The Tajo passes through many important towns and cities in Spain including **Aranjuez**, **Toledo**, **Talavera de la Reina** and **Lisbon** in Portugal.



River	Source	Route	Mouth
Tajo	Sierra de Albarracín <i>Sistema Central</i>	Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura and Portugal	Atlantic Ocean
Ebro	Pico Tres Mares <i>Cordillera Cantábrica</i>	Cantabria, Castilla y León, La Rioja, País Vasco, Navarra, Aragón, Cataluña	Mediterranean Sea
Duero	Picos de Urbión <i>Sistema Ibérico</i>	Castilla y León, Portugal	Atlantic Ocean
Guadalquivir	Sierra de Cazorla <i>Cordillera Bética</i>	Andalucía	Atlantic Ocean

Songs and videos:

https://youtu.be/3wf5F0u1E_Y

<https://youtu.be/DdC6AM6GTRO>

Games / Interactive maps:

<http://online.seterra.net/es/vgp/3077>

<http://serbal.pntic.mec.es/edg0027/esprovin1e.html>

http://www.juegos-geograficos.com/juegos-geografia-Provincias-de-Espana-_pageid95.html

<http://www.cerebriti.com/juegos-de-geografia/mapa-mudo--provincias-de-espana#.Vt2UNOZA6f4>

<https://luisamariaarias.wordpress.com/tag/mapas-interactivos-de-espana/>

<http://serbal.pntic.mec.es/edg0027/mapasflash.htm>

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