

The World of Europe

Thinking About History

- Turn to pages 18–19 of the Atlas. Read the overview and the quotation. Also look at the picture on page 18 and the “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.
_____ T _____
 - Columbus believed that most of the world was water. _____ F _____
 - Explorers knew the world was a sphere. _____ T _____
 - Most people knew how big the world was. _____ F _____
 - In 1490 Europeans knew that the Americas existed. _____ F _____

Places, Regions, and Landscapes

- Compare the “Map of the World” with the world map on pages 10–11. Match the name from the 1490 map with the area’s name today.

Name on 1490 Map

Name Today

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| a. Fruitful Arabia | • | • | China |
| b. Tartaria | • | • | Russia |
| c. East India | • | • | Atlantic Ocean |
| d. Western Ocean | • | • | Saudi Arabia |

People and Their Environments

- Look at the graph “Population Sizes.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.
 - In 1492 the continent with the largest population was _____ Africa _____.
 - This continent had a population of _____ 85 million _____.
 - The smallest of the continents in land area was _____ Europe _____.
 - More people in Europe lived in _____ cities _____ than did people in Africa and in the Americas.
 - The Americas have more land area than either Africa or Europe. However, they had _____ fewer _____ people than either continent in 1492.

🐼 People and Cultures

4. Look carefully at the pictures on pages 18 and 19. Also look at the map “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. V
 - Buildings open onto docks or land. L
 - People use rowing ships for transportation. B
 - Ships are extremely important to the city. B
 - The larger of the two cities in 1492. V

🐼 History Through Maps

5. Look at the map “Western Europe.” Use the information to complete the chart below.

Country	Its Territory or Territories
Portugal	<i>Tangier, Ceuta</i>
Spain	<i>Sardinia, Naples, Sicily</i>
<i>Holy Roman Empire</i>	Netherlands, Swiss Confederation, Genoa
Papal States	<i>Avignon</i>
Denmark	<i>Norway, Sweden</i>

🐼 Gathering the Facts

6. Look again at the map “Western Europe.” Circle the cities with a population of over 100,000.
- London
 - Paris
 - Ghent
 - Cordoba
 - Rome
 - Naples
 - Florence
 - Vienna
 - Venice
 - Palermo
 - Milan
 - Granada