

Year 5/6 Topic Homework

England and Spain Comparison Study



Place knowledge: I can understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and a region of Europe.

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England and Spain: Places of Interest

Famous English Landmark: Stonehenge



- Stonehenge stands majestic near Salisbury in the county of Wiltshire and began its long history in 3000BC and probably started as a burial ground. No one is really sure why Stonehenge was built but some historians believe that it may have been a site for burials, healing, ceremonies, or as a temple to the Sun.
- In around 2500BC, the familiar stone circle was created. The larger stones around the outside are called the Sarsen Stones, the largest of which weighs about 35 tonnes!
- The smaller stones in the centre came from Wales and are called the bluestones.

Famous Spanish Landmark:

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England and Spain: Places of Interest

The Highest Point in England: Scafell Pike



- It is the highest mountain in England, standing at 978m (3,209 ft.) above sea level, in the Lake District in Cumbria.
- Scafell Pike is an igneous rock formation, which was formed more than 450 million years ago.
- It takes about 2-3 hours to walk the quickest way to the summit via the Wasdale Head route, where you can then appreciate the spectacular 360 degree views.

Highest Point in Spain:

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England and Spain: People of Interest

Famous English Leader: Sir Winston Churchill



- Sir Winston Churchill was British Prime Minister twice and saw Britain through the Second World War.
- His wartime speeches are famous. Here's an extract from one of them: "We shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be; we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender..."
- He was born in 1874 and died in 1965 and was an MP for over 60 years! He is such a famous political figure that there is a statue of him in the House of Commons and new MPs rub his foot before making their first speech.

Famous Spanish Leader:

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England and Spain: Places of Interest

Famous English Building: Windsor Castle



- Windsor Castle is the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle and has been the family home of many British kings and queens for nearly 1,000 years (including today by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II).
- William the Conqueror started building Windsor Castle in 1070 and took 16 years to finish.
- On 20th November 1992, The Great Fire at Windsor took 15 hours and 1.5million gallons of water to put out. This was part of Queen Elizabeth II's 'Annus Horribilis'.

Famous Spanish Building:

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