

CHAPTER 7

Europe Today

SECTION 1 The United Kingdom

SECTION 2 Sweden

SECTION 3 France

SECTION 4 Germany

SECTION 5 Poland

Place London's Piccadilly Circus is an intersection of major roads, with an Underground, or subway, stop at the center. Piccadilly Circus is a popular tourist attraction and shopping district.





Why is it important for Europeans to protect their seas?



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GEOGRAPHY

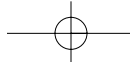
Human-Environment Interaction • The United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Germany, and Poland have borders along the North Sea or the Baltic Sea. These European seas are major transportation corridors. The North Sea contains one of the world's most important oil deposits. The Baltic Sea has some oil and is heavily used for transporting oil.

Accidents sometimes happen at sea. About three oil spills occur every year in the Baltic Sea. The North Sea has also had major spills. One occurred in November 1998, killing thousands of sea birds. Today, nations are working on ways to prevent spills and to clean up those that occur.

What do you think?

- ♦ Why is it important for countries to protect the seas?
- ♦ What effect might oil spills and other pollution have on the seas?
- ♦ What economic purposes do oceans and seas serve?





READING SOCIAL STUDIES

BEFORE YOU READ

►► What Do You Know?

Did you know that from the end of WW II until 1990, Germany was two separate countries and Poland was controlled by the Soviet Union? Do you have relatives or friends who come from the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Germany, or Poland? Have you ever seen the Queen of England or the Pope, who is from Poland, on television? Have you heard of the Nobel Prize, which is awarded in Sweden? Think about what you have learned in other classes, what you have read, and what you have heard or seen in the news about these countries.

►► What Do You Want to Know?

Consider what you know about the countries covered in Chapter 7. In your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.



Region • Sweden's Nobel Prize honors great achievements worldwide. ▲

READ AND TAKE NOTES

Reading Strategy: Comparing Comparing is a useful strategy for evaluating two or more similar subjects. Making comparisons also helps you to better understand what you have learned. Use the chart below to compare information about the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, Germany, and Poland.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, look for information for each category.
- Record details under the appropriate headings.



Movement • The German-made Volkswagen Beetle is the best-selling car ever. ▲

Country	Physical Geography	Government	Economy	Culture	Interesting Facts
United Kingdom					
Sweden					
France					
Germany					
Poland					