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Analyzing Interactions of Land and Water

Use the following resources to complete Parts 1, 2, and 3 below:

- Interactions of Land and Water in Europe reading passage
- Natural Vegetation of Europe map
- Physical Map of Europe
- Country Borders in Europe map

Part 1. Look back at the physical features of Europe that you underlined or highlighted in the reading passage Interactions of Land and Water in Europe. Find and label each of the features on the Natural Vegetation of Europe map or the Physical Map of Europe.

Part 2. Compare the map Country Borders in Europe to the maps Physical Map of Europe and Natural Vegetation of Europe. Answer the questions below.

1. Find the Alps. What countries and country borders intersect this major mountain range? Which borders seem to be defined by the edges of the mountains? Which borders cut across the mountains?

2. Compare mountainous areas to the natural vegetation types found in the same areas. What vegetation is commonly found in the mountains? What vegetation is more commonly found in flat, low-lying areas?

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3. Find Finland. Describe the natural vegetation found there. Notice how far Finland is from the Northern European Plain, where agriculture flourishes in Europe. How difficult would it be for Finland to grow or import food for its people? _____

Part 3. Choose one of the three scenarios from Part 2. Write about what you think it would be like to have a country border cross through a physical border in that way. What would it mean for transportation in your country? What would it mean for trade with other countries? Do you think the countries on either side of the feature would cooperate? Or would there be conflict about using that physical feature? Why? _____
