

Civilization Lesson 5—SPAIN, THE LAND

A. Location:

1. Situated in the southwestern part of Europe.
2. Occupies four-fifths of the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal).

B. Size and Population:

1. About 200,000 square miles (approximately four times the size of New York State).
2. Third largest country in Europe.
3. More than 30,000,000 inhabitants.

C. Boundaries:

1. North: France and Bay of Biscay (Mar Cantábrico).
2. East: Mediterranean Sea.
3. South: Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean.
4. West: Portugal and Atlantic Ocean.



D. Mountains:

1. Los Pirineos (northeast). Separate Spain from France.
2. Los Montes Cantábricos (northwest).
3. La Sierra de Guadarrama (center). Near Madrid.
4. La Sierra Morena (south).
5. La Sierra Nevada (near the southern coast).

E. Rivers:

1. El Ebro (north). Flows into the Mediterranean.
2. El Duero (north). Flows into the Atlantic.
3. El Tajo (center). Longest river; flows into the Atlantic.
4. El Guadiana (south). Flows into the Atlantic.
5. El Guadalquivir (south). Deepest and most navigable river; flows into the Atlantic; the cities of Sevilla and Córdoba are on its banks.



F. Outlying Possessions:

1. Las Islas Baleares. A group of islands in the Mediterranean which have become a popular resort area; Mallorca is the largest island of the group.
2. Las Islas Canarias. A group of islands in the Atlantic, off the coast of Africa.
3. Several overseas provinces and possessions in Africa.

G. Important Products:

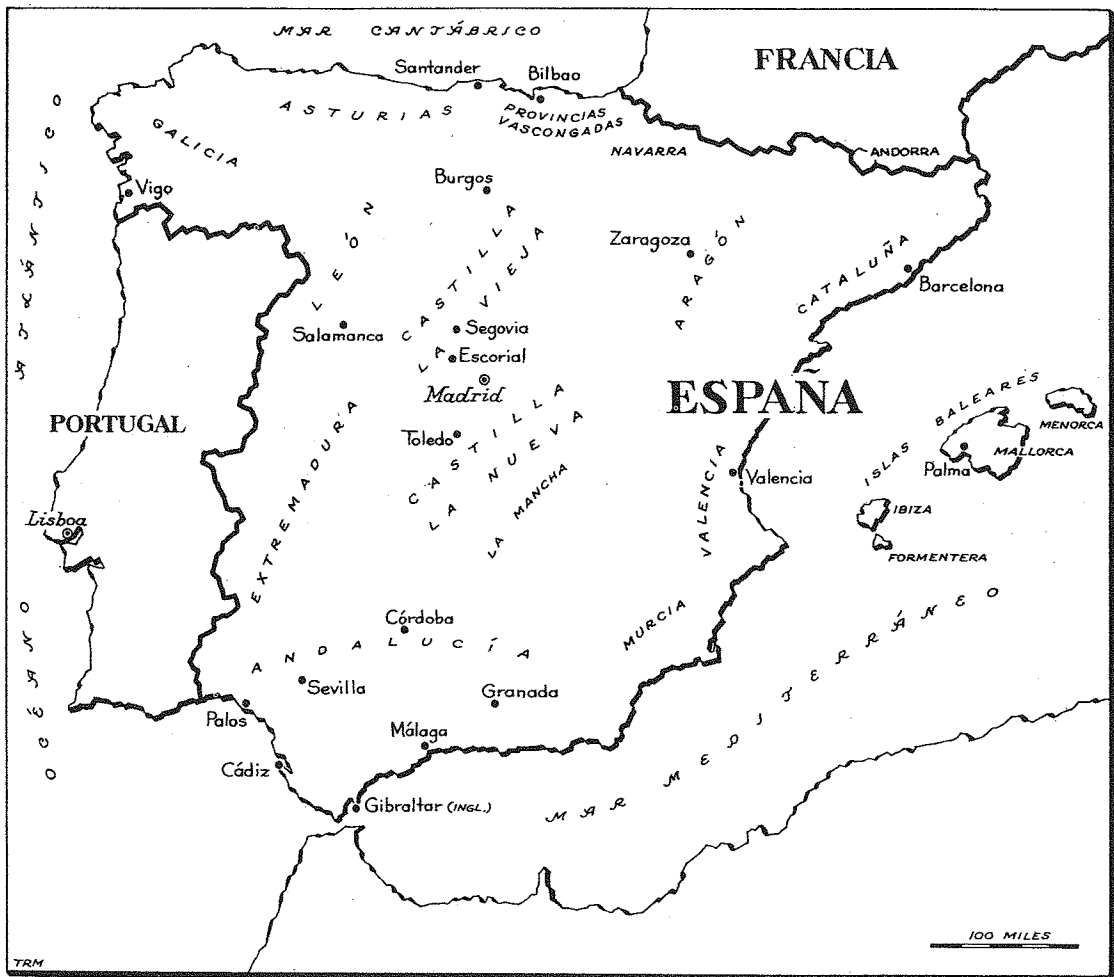
1. Spain is essentially an agricultural country.
2. Main crops are olives, oranges, grapes, rice, almonds, cork.
 - a. Spain occupies third place in Europe in the production of wine.
 - b. Wines of Málaga and Jerez (sherry) are world famous.
 - c. Spain is also a leading producer of olive oil.
3. Mineral resources are coal, iron, mercury, lead, copper.

H. Regions of Spain: Politically, Spain and its possessions are divided into 54 provinces. Historically, Spain is divided into 13 regions.

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| 1. Galicia (northwest). | 7. León (northwest). |
| 2. Asturias (north). | 8. Castilla la Vieja (north and center). |
| 3. Las Provincias Vascongadas
(north; bordering the Pyrenees). | 9. Castilla la Nueva (center). |
| 4. Navarra (north). | 10. Valencia (east). |
| 5. Aragón (northeast). | 11. Extremadura (west). |
| 6. Cataluña (northeast). | 12. Murcia (southeast). |
| | 13. Andalucía (south). |

I. Principal Cities and Points of Interest:

1. Madrid.
 - a. Capital and largest city of Spain.
 - b. Modern, cosmopolitan city.
 - c. El Prado, famous art museum.
 - d. El Escorial (near Madrid), monastery, palace, library and burial place of Spanish kings, built in 1584 by Philip II.
2. Barcelona.
 - a. Second largest city.
 - b. Chief industrial city.
 - c. Most important seaport on the Mediterranean Sea.
3. Valencia.
 - a. Third largest city.
 - b. Leading export center for oranges.
4. Málaga.
 - a. Important seaport and resort on the Mediterranean.
 - b. Famous for its wine.
5. Sevilla.
 - a. Colorful and romantic city, located on the Guadalquivir River.
 - b. La Catedral de Sevilla, largest cathedral in Spain.
 - c. La Giralda, Moorish bell tower of the Cathedral.
 - d. El Alcázar, ancient Moorish palace.



6. Bilbao.
 - a. Industrial town famous for its iron and steel industry.
 - b. Known as the "Pittsburgh of Spain."
7. Cádiz.
 - a. Seaport on the Atlantic Ocean.
 - b. Founded by the Phoenicians over 3000 years ago, it is one of the oldest cities in Europe.
8. Córdoba.
 - a. Ancient Moorish city, located on the Guadalquivir River.
 - b. La Mezquita (Mosque), a famous Moorish temple now used as a cathedral.
9. Granada.
 - a. Picturesque Moorish city, situated at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
 - b. The last city in Spain held by the Moors; recaptured by Christians in 1492.
 - c. La Alhambra, ancient Moorish palace.
10. Toledo.
 - a. Famous medieval city, located on the Tajo River.
 - b. Contains many artistic and historical treasures.
11. San Sebastián and Santander.
 - a. Fashionable summer resorts on the northern coast of Spain.
 - b. Famous for their beaches.

EXERCISES

A. ¿Sí o No? If the statement is true, write *sí*; if it is false, write *no*.

1. Los Pirineos separan a España de Francia. -----
2. El Mar Mediterráneo está situado al oeste de España. -----
3. El Ebro es el único río grande de España que desemboca en (flows into) el Mar Mediterráneo. -----
4. España y Portugal forman la Península Ibérica. -----
5. San Sebastián y Santander están en el sur de España. -----
6. Barcelona y Málaga son puertos importantes del Atlántico. -----
7. España es principalmente un país industrial. -----
8. La catedral más grande de España está en Sevilla. -----
9. España tiene más de treinta millones de habitantes. -----
10. Cataluña y Aragón son dos ciudades de España. -----

B. Underline the word or expression that best completes the sentence.

1. (La Alhambra, La Giralda, La Mezquita) es un palacio moro en Granada.
2. Las Islas (Baleares, Canarias, Juan Fernández) son posesiones de España en el Atlántico.
3. (El Duero, El Guadiana, El Guadalquivir) es el río más navegable de España.
4. España es (más grande que, menos grande que, tan grande como) el Estado de Nueva York.
5. España está dividida aproximadamente en (cincuenta, trece, quince) provincias.
6. (Andalucía, Asturias, Galicia) es una región del sur de España.
7. (La Sierra Morena, La Sierra Nevada, La Sierra de Guadarrama) está situada en la parte central de España.
8. Valencia es famosa por sus (minerales, naranjas, vinos).
9. (El Prado, El Escorial, El Alcázar) es un famoso museo de arte en Madrid.
10. (Cádiz, Córdoba, Toledo) es célebre (famous) por su mezquita.

C. Match the following items.

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
----- 1. Cádiz	a. templo moro
----- 2. La Mezquita	b. río de España
----- 3. Bilbao	c. vino
----- 4. La Giralda	d. Islas Baleares
----- 5. Asturias	e. palacio moro
----- 6. El Tajo	f. antigua ciudad fenicia
----- 7. Mallorca	g. torre mora
----- 8. Jerez	h. ciudad medieval
----- 9. El Alcázar	i. Pittsburgh of Spain
----- 10. Toledo	j. región de España

D. Complete the following sentences in Spanish.

1. ----- es la capital de España.
2. ----- es el río más largo de España.
3. ----- son islas del Mediterráneo que pertenecen (belong) a España.
4. ----- es una región de la parte central de España.
5. La ciudad de ----- es famosa por su vino.
6. ----- es la ciudad industrial más importante de España.
7. Los reyes españoles están enterrados (buried) en -----.
8. La ciudad de -----, situada en el norte de España, es famosa por sus playas.
9. ----- es un puerto español del Atlántico.
10. Las ciudades de Sevilla y Córdoba están situadas a orillas (on the shores) del río-----.

E. Identify the following in English.

1. Granada -----
2. El Ebro -----
3. Santander -----
4. El Prado -----
5. Iberian Peninsula -----
6. Toledo -----
7. El Escorial -----
8. Extremadura -----
9. La Giralda -----
10. Los Pirineos -----