**Europe Special Cultures**

This is an extra credit assignment. It is **not required** and you will not be penalized if you do not complete it. But most of you need the extra credit.

Here are the options alternatives.

1. Dress up as a European. Research the traditional clothing of a specific European country. It may be contemporary or it may fit a particular time period. (Remember that most Europeans dress like we do. Put together an outfit & wear it for the class. Then **write a half a page** that informs us as to the history & background of your clothing. Why is it unique to your country? (For example the kilt is unique to Scotland) The dress also **MUST** conform to regular school dress codes.

2. Research a sport or sports league unique to Europe. For example:

a. Premier League in England(soccer)

b. Rugby

c. Cricket

d. Ancient Olympics (in ancient Greece)

e. **Gaelic games** in Ireland

f. Bullfighting in Spain g. Bandy in Scandinavia

h. Formula One (car racing dominated by Europeans)

i. Snooker (similar to pool; popular in England)

j. Shinty in Scotland

k. How golf was born & developed in Scotland

l. Wimbledon Tennis tournament

m. **Orienteering** (in the United Kingdom)

n. **Thoroughbred horse racing (United Kingdom)**

o. Bowl (United Kingdom)

p. Tour de France (cycling)

q. Pétanque (France)

r. Highland Games in Scotland

Ask if what you have chosen is appropriate before you start. Make sure you try to make a connection between you sport and the country where the sport is played. Explain the rules & history.

You can put this on a poster or make a Power point (at least 10 slides) or a 3 page typed essay.

3. **European Music**- research different styles of music found in Europe.

a. Classical music (pick a composer and research him or her. Find musical samples.

Where in Europe did they come from? (Include maps)

b. Eurovision song contest- This is a song competition between the different

European countries. Why is it so popular? Include a map that shows the winners.

c. Idol- The idea for *American Idol* did not begin in America but was started in the United Kingdom & called *Pop Idol*. Research this show and show how it has spread from Great Britain to become popular around the world. Include a world map that shows the locations of Idol shows around the world.

(if you have other ideas on the subject of music ask first;

You can do a 3 page typed report, poster or at least 10 slide power point)

4. Unique cultural events or historical events. Research & report on a custom or cultural event unique to Europe.

a. Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain

b. Irish potato famine

c. Oktoberfest

d. The English or London Proms

e. Carnival in Venice

f. La Tomatina. Bunol Spain

(You can do a 3 page typed report, poster or at least 10 slide power point)

5. European Union- What is the European Union? What nations belong to the EU? What is the Euro? (You can do a 3 page typed report, poster or at least 10 slide power point