EUROPE DAY ~ Video Online Worksheet (Google Forms)

VIDEOS: https://youtu.be/FOleia9DHnk (Victory in Europe Day)

https://youtu.be/XxutY7ss1v4 (Is the European Union worth It or Should We End It?)

SELECTED STUDENTS' COMMENTS (FOR OUR MAGAZINE)

QUESTION: After watching the 2 videos above, take some time to consider WHY the EU was formed, its advantages and disadvantages. Are you in favour or against the EU? Write a paragraph giving your opinion on the topic.

TURKEY

The EU was established for peace after the Second World War. Although its advantages are 5% population, it covers 25% of scientists thanks to the scientific technology it has developed. Their disadvantage is that they cannot communicate with their people and give them distrust because they cannot explain what they are doing.

Sureldemet

Yes, I am with the European Union because it helps unite peoples and contributes to the progress of European countries

LAYTH AMER

I am against the EU

Zeynep Naz Ak

I am in favour with EU because it was established in case of war. When tension get high between countries, it tries to fix problems. (hocam geçenkini okuyamadım bri şeyler yazdım o yüzden olmadı yanlış yazmışım zaten tekrar yapıyorum o yüzden?)

Zeynep Naz Ak

They obviously did all of that things for peace so there is no have something to say.

Burak ŞEN

It was formed to create paceful and economically powerful Europe after the Second World War

Şilan Durmuş

PORTUGAL

The EU's first steps were aimed at encouraging economic cooperation, assuming that if countries had trade relations with each other they would become economically dependent on each other, thus reducing the risks of conflict. The EU's most important advantage is to

facilitate and intensify international trade, the elimination of customs duties, and this has made this single market a commercial power. a disadvantage is the free movement of people, there has been a growing "brain drain" in some countries, since people seeing little opportunity for the desired areas, usually related to the area of science, the investment made by countries in human resources "flees" and is rewarded in other countries instead of their country of origin. I am in favour of the EU, as it has come to help many countries that were in poverty.

Bruna Gomes

The EU was formed because after the Second world war, Europeans decided they wanted lasting peace that was not based on military power. Instead the economy's, politics and peoples of Europe, should become so closely interconnected, that war would become both impractical and unthinkable. Today, EU citizens benefit from many individual freedoms. EU treaties and regulations ensure easy travel, cheap telecommunications, a great variety of goods and services, as well as very strong health and safety standards. But many citizens feels distrust towards EU. Brussels seems far away and untransparent, technocratic and difficult to understand, it doesn't help that the EU is terrible at outreach and explaining what it actually does. I'm in favour with the EU.

Sara Granja

The EU was formed to end wars between parents belonging to the EU. The advantages of belonging to the EU are greater freedom to travel and you have no problems with money as it is the same currency throughout the EU, the disadvantages are difficulty in achieving the criteria of economic convergence and competing in some extremely competitive markets such as agriculture and the industry. I have no opinion about the European Union.

Rodrigo Oliveira

The EU was created for one simple thing, peace! I am in favour, since the creation of the EU, the world has changed and especially Europe. The economy and science have evolved which brings more security and quality of life to people.

Ricardo Lima

I am totally in favour of the EU. We have several advantages mentioned in the video, such as ease of travel to other countries, cheaper products, and peace; in my opinion the only disadvantage is that we are totally dependent on the USA to protect us.

Pedro Silva

In my opinion, the EU is important. The EU has greatly improved the economy in Europe and the quality of life of Europeans. Even though not all countries have joined, the Euro facilitates trade between countries. Overall, the EU has made Europe stronger and easier to cooperate between countries.

Ana Sofia

I am in favour of the European Union and I think it brings us really advantages. Were it not for this union, our country would not be as advanced as it is today. The European Union's main objective is peace, and there is nothing more important than the peace that brought us 70 years ago.

Marta Sofia

The EU was formed to connect people and to create peace around Europe. The creation of EU has a lot of advantages like easy travels between all the countries from EU, cheap telecommunications, great variety of services and good health and safety standards but it also has some disadvantages like being unfair to the refugees, treat some countries in the EU different from the others. I´m in favour of the EU because it helps in the most important thing possible that is peace.

Ricardo Barros

EU was formed for create peace and connect people from Europe. The advantages are EU treaties and regulations ensure easy travel, cheap telecommunications, a great variety of goods and services, strong health and safety standards. The disadvantages are unfair to refugees, some countries are treated fairly within the EU. I'm a favour because I think that the countries that are part of the EU feel safe and so there is more peace and less war it is as if we are all rowing in the same boat.

Beatriz Gomes

The EU was formed because the peace. Obviously the EU was advantages, for example, we have easy trips, cheap calls, a wide variety of goods and services and very strong health and safety standards. But EU have some disadvantages, for example, there are countries that are supposedly "more powerful and more important" than others, which becomes an inequality. I am in favour in the EU! I think this topic is a very interesting and well-educated topic. Really enjoyed!!

Frederico Silva

From my point of view the EU brings more advantages then disadvantages so I am definitely in favour of it. Some of the disadvantages aren´t even that hard to work on so it´s definitely possible that we can create an even better union in the future. If the world had a union like ours we would be way better.

Rui Maia

The European Union is created with the aim of ending the frequent bloody wars between neighbouring countries, which culminated in Second World War. Everything around us is full of complexity, but we usually don't notice it. We can use the mobile phone, we have our rights and as citizens we are protected. I favour the EU.

Claúdia Garcia

The advantages of the European Union are peace and security, single market, human rights etc. The disadvantages crisis in the economy, major crisis in agriculture, etc. I am in favour of the European Union because it has brought peace to the whole world.

Rúben Rodrigues

After considering the advantages and disadvantages of the EU in my opinion, I am in favour of the organization. I think that there are actually more benefits to belonging to the EU than not belonging. I also think there is a need for a little more mutual assistance between countries belonging to the EU but I am nevertheless in favour.

Xavier Pereira

ITALY

A.
The European Union is the result of the agreements created among many countries which, after the Second World War, wanted to guarantee lasting peace.
After that first goal, the union has evolved by adopting measures in favour of its citizens up to today. But what do I think about it?
Well, I think that the European Union has served to maintain peace for over 70 years and to make people evolve and improve. EU treaties and rules ensure easy travelling around member states and we enjoy many individual freedoms. So joining the European Union was, is and will be a real advantage.

Salvatore Giambra, Italy

B.
Especially during this period we have understood how important the European Union is. I've always been a supporter of the European Union and I sustain especially the message of peace Europe believes in. Economically the European Union has helped a lot of countries. Many countries, which have become a member, have improved economically and have made great progress. The single currency was a great achievement too. If you are a European citizen, you can travel to any member country without a passport and use the same currency. But, obviously the European Union has also many problems. Because there are country culturally and economically different, it is difficult to make a unified decision. Moreover Europe is hardly ever transparent with what it does, so it is very difficult to understand its actions.
But, although there are problems, in this period I thank to be a European citizen.

Simone Zammuto, Italy

C.

I think that today, in the Europe day it's important to remember the events of the 9th May 1950, to understand the way Europe has changed. For many years Europe lived bloody conflicts but thanks to people, who believe in the value of peace, with the "Schuman declaration" our continent has lived moments of peace, freedom and economic growth. For this reason we must work together. Every European country shouldn't think about his national interests. This historical period of pandemic should have taught us that we must collaborate together. In my opinion showing solidarity among countries now is the most important thing that Europe should do. And its main goal should be creating jobs for young people and for our generations.

Gabriel Scarano, Italy

D.
Victory on Europe day
The main reason behind the foundation of the European Union is peace. When the 2nd world war finally ended, people could stop worrying about war, domination and holocaust and start living a new free life. It's been 70 years of peace since the end of the war and we celebrate during the 8th of May the VE day, or Victory in Europe day; the day when peace arrived and the domination ended. Almost 40 million people lost their lives, some of them were soldiers, others normal citizens and for this reason this was the cruellest war in mankind's history. We remember the victims of the holocaust, victims of an insane and controversial ideology that aimed at having a single race. They fought this "battle" against terror and death and at the end they won. I think that now it is very important to celebrate the VE day, just to remember those 40 million people who died during these horrible 5 years, to feel what people felt when they danced and sang in the streets during that desired 8th of May and to remember what we were and what we don't want to be now. For this reason the European Union is based on peace among the member states and on its keeping. Thanks to the EU we have some benefits like cheap communications, better services or easy travel from a member state to another. Many people find a job in another country and travel without problems thanks. Now knowing my rights and all the benefits that I have memes me happy to be European and to live in a modern state like mine. We must admit also that EU isn't perfect, there are some aspects where it has to develop and get better. Although I'm proud of being European I think that when I grow up I will travel in another continent and go somewhere else like to Canada or to Japan because I simply prefer them to most of the European Union's member states.

Maurantonio Gelao

BELGIUM

The European Union was created for a very specific purpose, namely to ensure peace following the horrors of the Second World War. This gives rise to many debates because it has qualities as well as faults. For me, the creation of this union is very interesting and above all very important. Firstly, this ensures peace between the different member countries because everyone has to defend a member country if necessary. This puts citizens in confidence and security. Second, it helps countries that are in need. Ultimately, it provides a stable and reliable economy that benefits everyone. So yes, it still has faults but at the moment, it would be unthinkable to destroy this union because it presents more opportunities than threats.
Tommaso, Belgium

The European Union is basically created with the aim of maintaining a sustainable and indeterminate balance between the member countries. This has various disadvantages, such as lobbying, decision-making power is far away from the citizen. Moreover, there is tax competition between countries within the EU and a loss of decision-making freedom at the national level to the benefit of the European level.
Decisions are slow and blocked by the need for unanimity. Finally, there has been an increase in the cost of living following the introduction of the Euro and the countries are too numerous and very different, which makes agreements and management very difficult.

There are also some advantages. First of all, the single currency facilitates tourist travel, the circulation between countries. So, the free movement of people. Moreover, trade is facilitated. Obviously peace between the countries of the Union. And finally the reduction of roaming mobile phone tariffs.

For me the European Union is a good thing on the whole, it allows to maintain a balance in the world and reduces the abuses of power of the different countries because they have to be accountable to an authority superior to them.
Sébastien, Belgium

I am in favour of the European Union because it is safe due to peace, health services and independence. I think we are safer in Europe than in other continents. Indeed, we have many technology, an economic stability, I don't think it's a big deal to have different currencies and different policies. Overall, European Union is a good thing but it also has weakness. However, these can be improved.
Océane, Belgium

I am in favour the EU for many reasons.
First, the EU was created for the Peace and for the moment, in Europe, we haven't seen a war fr 70 years. Moreover, we can easily travel across the Europe and I think that it's very good. We also have a strong economy, 2nd largest economy so I am favour for the EU for this reasons but I know that they are disadvantages but nothing is perfect.
Lucie, Belgium

I think that Europe is well constituted. Indeed, as a European girl, I can confirm that all the advantages are respected. We live in a peaceful atmosphere, we have good health service. Especially during the corona crisis, Europe has shown that indeed, we can take care of people very well. So I agree with what is said about Europe's advantages.

Maryam, Belgium

After watching these 2 videos, I know a little more about the history of the European Union. In my opinion, Europe is a bit like a museum. You can find all the cultures, all the stories, but in the same place. It is true that our currency is complicated and that communication between countries is not always easy. But Europe brings us comfort through our cultural richness but also our 27 collaborating countries for the same purpose as well as our place in world research. In addition, Europe offers us incredible security and freedom. In my opinion, Europe must improve but must continue to exist, it is our only chance to carry the voice of each small country.

Lise, Belgium

I am pretty much in favor of the European Union because I think anyone would feel more confident if they are surrounded by people who can support and protect them from any threat. Making an alliance with multiple countries is like creating a more powerful state.

As each country should be able to trust the others, they established diverse treaties and that's an advantage because it's also a proof that if a member of the alliance gets in trouble with any other country, the rest of the alliance will support it, financially and politically.

Howsoever, the twenty seven member countries have specific agreements between them about different things such as product importation which make many procedures easier.
Johana, Belgium

For me Europe is a very good thing for many countries because it allows them to have some support, some help and with all this they have a greater impact in a large part of the world

In addition it creates a trade between many countries and allows the country to export/import; to diversify the products it sells but also to sell their surplus products and to make money on their own resources

So for me the Europe system is a super system because it generates peace, trade, aid, and much more.
Clément, Belgium