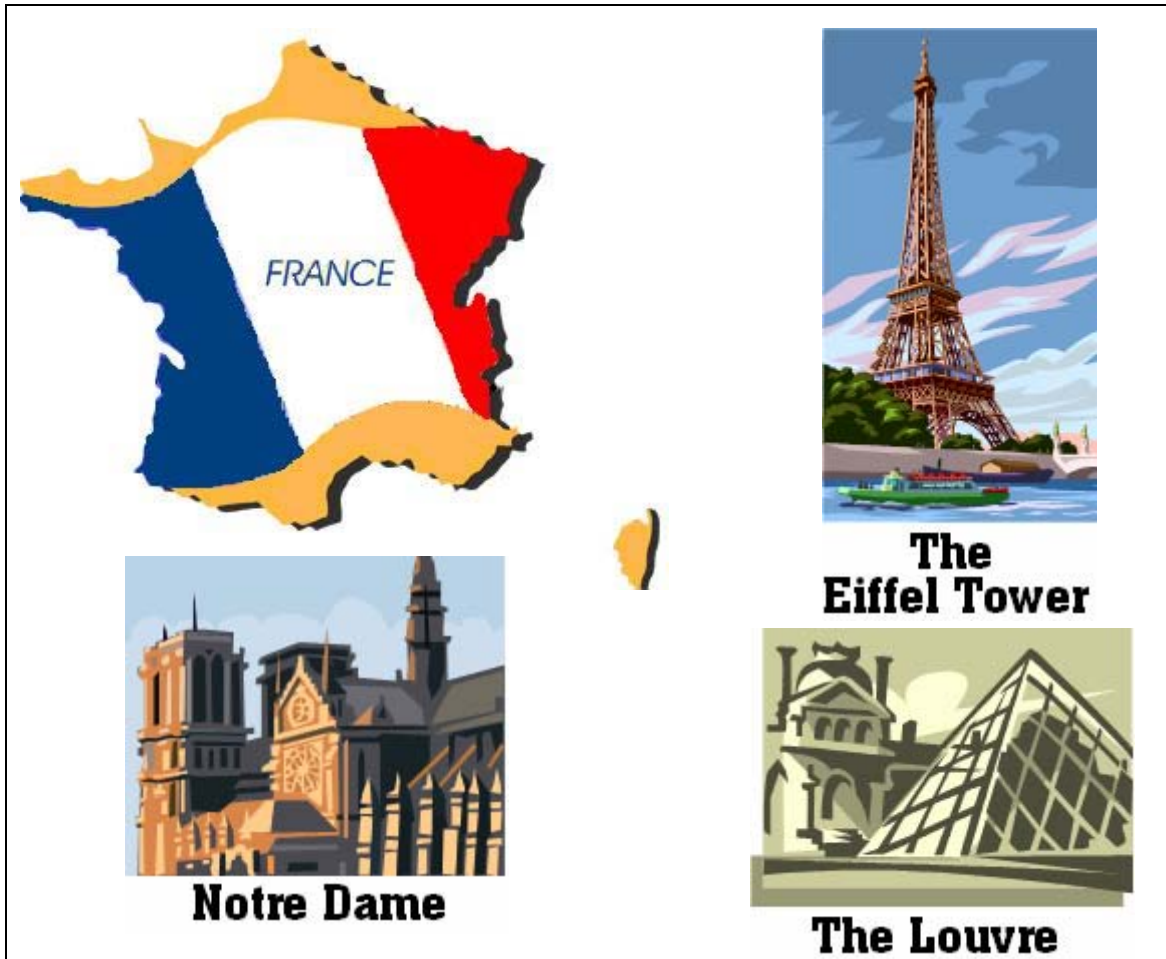


# #11954 FRANCE

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Grade Level: 6–10  
29 Minutes



**Notre Dame**

**The  
Eiffel Tower**

**The Louvre**

## CAPTIONED MEDIA PROGRAM RELATED RESOURCES

- [#2476 FRANCE: LAND AND PEOPLE](#)
- [#7942 DISCOVERING FRANCE](#)
- [#8391 THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME](#)
- [#10554 D-DAY & WORLD WAR II](#)

**France**  
**Beyond Our Borders Series**

**Subject Areas:** Geography, Social Studies, History, Architecture

**Synopsis:** Visits key regions of France reviewing historical and cultural events associated with each. Includes trips to Brittany, Piccardy, Paris, Alsace-Lorraine, the Loire Valley, Central France, Lyon, Aquitaine, Bordeaux, the Basque Region, and the Côte d'Azur. Includes stories of prehistoric France, Medieval France, the French Revolution, and D-Day.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to describe the distinctive geographical and historical regions of France.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to recognize architecture from the Norman, Gothic, and Roman periods.
- Objective 3)** Students will be able to describe the unique cultural heritage of each region of France.

**Vocabulary:**

Neolithic, legacy, anonymous, controversy, controversial, derelict, notorious, oppression, monarchy, arrogance, glory, lavish, chateau, Versailles, ostentation, opulence, heartland, renown, meander, bastion, Hellenistic, bowls (game), pinnacle

**Pre-Viewing Questions and Activities:**

- 1) When we think of France and French culture, what images come to mind?
- 2) Has anyone visited France? What sights did you see there?
- 3) What are the most outstanding features of a typical French landscape?
- 4) What was D-Day and where did it occur?
- 5) What was the French Revolution? Why did it occur?
- 6) What part of France is renown for its wines? What part of France is known for its beaches and recreational activities?

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### **Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:**

- 1) If you could visit only one region of France, which would you choose? Why would you choose this region?
- 2) What archeological remains are the oldest in France and perhaps in Europe?
- 3) In what part of France do the residents speaking a language that is closely related to Welsh? What historical reason is there for this similarity in languages?
- 4) What part of France is the most staunchly independent? How do the people of this region show their independent spirit?
- 5) What building is point zero in Paris, France? What is the cultural and historical significance of this building?
- 6) What building near Paris attests to the opulence of French kings who lived before the French Revolution?
- 7) What is the greatest art museum in France? What world famous painting hangs in this gallery?

### **Additional Activities:**

- 1) Research the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy to discover why this onslaught was such a strategic success.
- 2) Investigate the technology of making Gothic stained glass windows such as those at Notre Dame or Sainte Chapelle.
- 3) Further investigate the reasons for the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror which followed.
- 4) Investigate the role of Basque separatists in the First World War.
- 5) Chart the top ten French wines placing them on a map of France. Highlight the chart with a brief description of the climatic conditions that have resulted in wines of outstanding character and definition.

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