

Norden – the Nordic Nations	
	Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland

Norden: "Northlands"	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Iceland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway■ Share a common climate, & culture

Norwegian Fjord Horse	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ One of world's oldest breeds■ Draft horse, also riding■ Western Norway■ Very mild mannered

Fjord Horse



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Climate

Surprisingly warm in ½ of Norden

Only mountains block warm ocean winds from crossing

Climate

Long winters, short summers

- ▣ Sunlight ranges from 2-20 hrs a day
- ▣ "White Nights" – when sun never really sets for several weeks midsummer

Aurora Borealis – Very clear in northern-most Norden



Geography varies greatly

- Denmark – very flat
- Norway – one of most mountainous countries in Europe
- Scandinavian Peninsula, Jutland Peninsula, & Iceland

Scandinavian Peninsula

- Largest peninsula in Europe
- Mainly formed by glaciers
 - Created landforms
 - Fjords: flooded glacial valleys
 - Pushed topsoil into Denmark

Fjords



Fjords



Map of N. Europe



Iceland – Land of Fire & Ice

- Has both glaciers & volcanoes
- Harness heat to make geothermal energy
 - Heating & electricity

Iceland's Hot Springs

- Tourist attraction
- Hot springs – some are safe for bathing
 - Others reach 140 deg. F in recent years
- Geysir – used to shoot over 250' in the air
 - Now filled w/soil & rocks

Geysir



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Shared History & Culture

- Have been united at times under one crown
- Vikings 800-1050 CE from Southern Norden
- Lutheran
- Shared root language (except Finnish)
 - All also learn English

Shared Gov't & Economic Ideas

- Democracies (rule by the people)
- Mixed economies
 - Part free enterprise
 - Part socialism

Socialism:

- Gov't owns businesses (means of production)
- Unlike capitalism, where individuals own businesses
- Some principle as Communism, but without the violent overthrow

Socialism in Norden

- Most businesses run privately (as in U.S.)
- Some goods & services are provided by the gov't (via tax dollars)
 - Daycare & Medical Care for example

Strong Economies

- Wealth comes from many sources
- Ag, fishing, oil, gas, forests, high grade ore, shipping

Military
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▣ Stay politically neutral▣ Won't allow use of their harbors for military purposes▣ Won't allow storage of nuclear weapons on its land
