

# Basic Info on France

*Uh, huh, huh!!!*

# Overview...

Population 66,000,000 (2014)

Capital: Paris

Language: French

People: French

Religion: Catholic (Christian)

Energy: approx. 90% nuclear



# Form of Government...

Democracy-

President: Francois Hollande

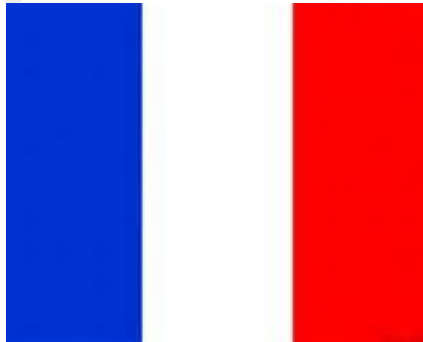
Prime Minister

Bicameral Parliament

# Flag of France

Since 1794

“The French Tricolour”



# Geography

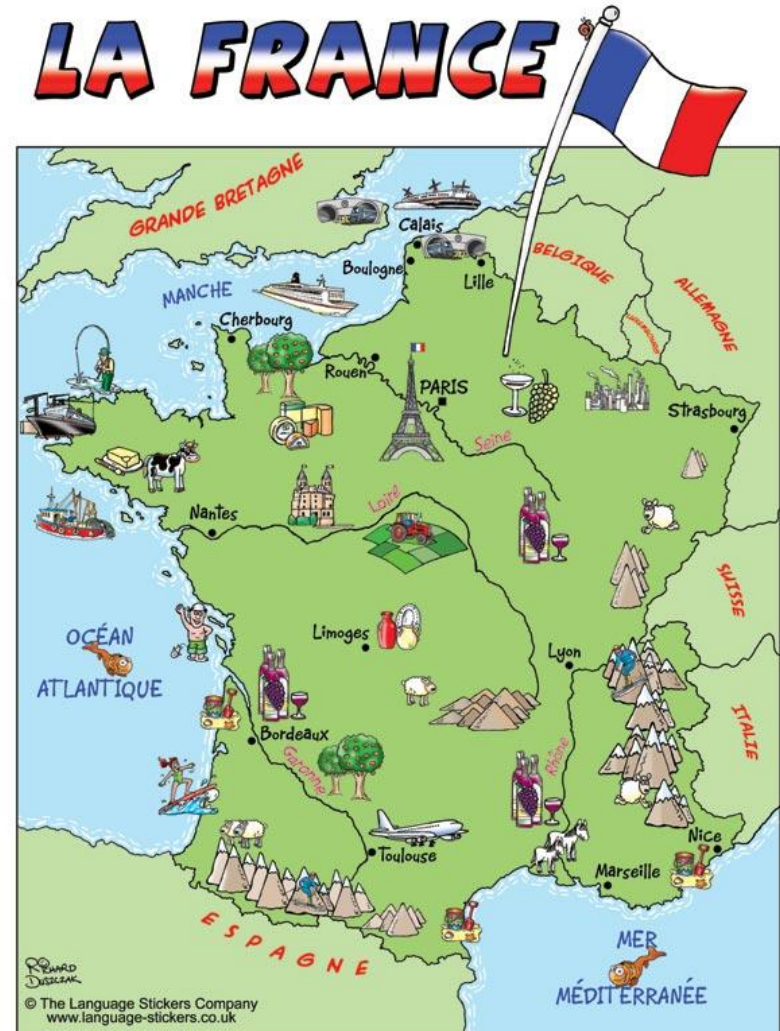
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West & north mainly flat

Rest is mountainous

Pyrenees in south

Alps in west



# Climate...

Mild winters & summers

Except on coast of Mediterranean Sea - hot  
summers

# Economy...

Currency: euro

8th largest economic power in world

Major trade partners: Germany, Italy, Spain, U.S.

Econ based on: AeroSpace, ag, tourism, manufac.

# History...

Originally: Celtic people (as in those in Ireland & later in Scotland)

Region known as Gaul



# History...

Julius Caesar of Rome conquered Gaul 58 BCE

Became a province of Rome

# History...

Franks unified the area after the fall of Rome  
(486 CE)

# History...

Invasions by Vikings throughout 800s CE

Vikings est. Normandy in 911 CE

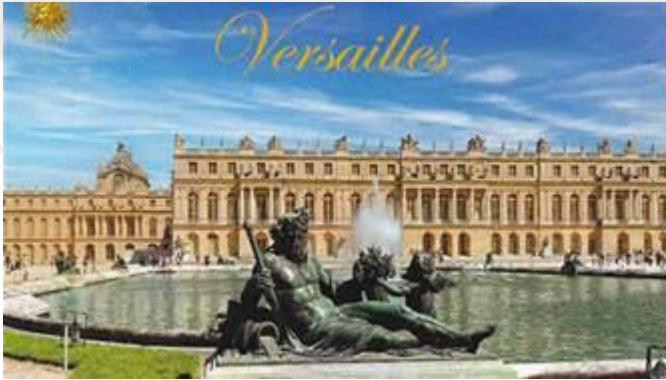
# History...

100 Years War between England & France  
1337-1453 CE

England wanted to control France

# History...

Palace of Versailles - started building 1664



# Palace of Versailles...



# Palace of Versailles fun facts...

- \*16 mi. SW of Paris

- \*19+ acres

- \*Queen's bedchamber - one of the largest rooms in the pvt. living areas

# Palace of Versaille Fun Facts...

- \* le Harneau - built by Marie Antoinette
- \* chandeliers in the Hall of Mirrors held 1,000 candles
- \* Treaty of Versaille signed in the Hall of Mirrors - 1918



# French Revolution...

Perceived excesses of the royals led to the people rising up (1789)

King Louis XIV & Queen Marie Antoinette  
beheaded 1793

# History...

Napoleon named himself emperor of France  
1804

He expanded French empire but was defeated  
by British & Russia

# End of the monarchy...

1848

A few tried later to reinstate it, but it never stuck

# WWI

U.K., France, & Russia were “Allied Forces”  
vs. Germany & Austria-Hungary

France suffered huge casualties

# Hitler's Invasion 1940

- revenge for France's involvement in WWI
- keep France (& Britain) from stopping him from capturing the eastern European countries he wanted

# Storming Normandy... “D-Day”

June, 1944

Allied forces invaded at Normandy via English Channel to push out Germany & eliminate Hitler's forces

# Storming Normandy... D-Day

Led by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower



# Cool stuff to see in France...

le Louvre & Mona Lisa





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Mont. St. Michel



Place de  
la Bastille

# Eiffel Tower, 1789

Hermes with  
Pegasus



# Cool stuff to see in France...

Arc  
de  
Triomphe



Notre Dame  
Cathedral

Mont St.  
Michel

