




Spain


"Everyone works for Madrid, and Madrid works for no one."

I'm the map...



Geography

- On the Iberian Peninsula
- Strait of Gibraltar – only a 10 mi. sail to Africa
- Pyrennes Mtns. separate Iberian Pen. from rest of Europe
- High cliffs along much of coastline



Climate

- Mediterranean climate
 - Rainy winter, hot & dry summer
- Good moisture in north
- Dry in center
- Semi-Arid southeast



Spain Quick Facts:

- Capital: Madrid
- Population: 40.1 million
- Religion: Catholic
- Languages: Spanish, & also several local dialects
- People are called: Spanish (sometimes Spaniards)

Madrid

- Centrally located
- Largest city in Spain – 3,000,000+ people
- Below: Palacio de Cibeles, Madrid's city hall



Government

- Parliamentary Monarchy
 - King Juan Carlos I
 - Presidente (Prime Minister)
 - Bicameral parliament
- Most recent constitution - 1978



Economy

- Use the Euro
 - A currency common among the European Union
- Generally strong economy
- Current issue: unemployment
- Major exports: agriculture, cars, machinery, consumer goods

History ca. 800-1492 CE

- Iberian Peninsula controlled by Muslims

History – 1400s

- 2 important Spanish states: Castile & Aragon
- United kingdoms w/the marriage of Ferdinand II & Isabella I, 1469



History – 1400s

- 1478 – est. the Inquisition
 - Designed to root out heresy
 - Heresy: speaking out against the church
 - Find people who hadn't truly converted to Christianity
 - Kicked non-Christians out of the country
 - Especially Jews & Muslims
 - Note: most were exiled from Spain 1492-1502

History – 1400s

- Led 10 year war to push out Muslim control of the Iberian Peninsula

History – Exploration & Colonization, 1500s – 1600s

- Funded Columbus' trip to find westward path to India 1492
 - Hello, Americas!!!
- Cortes – explored Central America -1519
- Pizarro – explored Peru - 1532

The tooth mouse



Visit Madrid...

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSop2PM91eA>
- (4 minutes)
