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## Northern Europe Study Guide

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British Isles – A group of islands located across the English Channel from the rest of Europe

Scandinavia – A region of islands and peninsulas in far northern Europe

Fjord – A narrow inlet of the sea set between high, rocky cliffs

North Atlantic Drift – An ocean current that brings warm, moist air across the Atlantic Ocean

The Blue Lagoon – A geothermal heated lagoon which is known to help some people suffering from skin diseases

Stonehenge - composed of earthworks surrounding a circular setting of large standing stones

Constitutional Monarchy – A type of democracy in which a king or queen serves as head of state, but a legislature makes the laws

Magna Carta – A document that limited the powers of kings and required everyone to obey the law

London – the capital of the United Kingdom

Dublin – the capital of Ireland

**Big Ben** – Famous clock tower in London next to the Parliament House

I.R.A. - organized group that is trying to unite Ireland that also responsible for many bombings in England

Vikings – Scandinavian warriors who raided Europe in the early Middle Ages

Stockholm – Sweden's capital and largest city

Oslo – the capital of Norway

Helsinki – Finland's capital and largest city

Geyser – a spring that shoots hot water and steam into the air

Renaissance – period of cultural, scientific, and artistic change in European history

Treason – act of betraying one's country

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Essay Question:

*Why are the economies in the British Isles very strong? **MUST GIVE 3 Reasons***

London, the capital of the United Kingdom, is a center for world trade, and the country has reserves of oil and natural gas in the North Sea. Dublin, the capital of Ireland, has attracted new industries like computers and electronics.

*Who were the Vikings? Why were they famous? Give multiple reasons?*

The Vikings were Scandinavian warriors who raided Europe during the Middle Ages. They were greatly feared and conquered the British Isles, Finland, and parts of France, Germany, and Russia. They were excellent sailors who were the first to settle in Iceland and Greenland. They were also the first Europeans to reach North America.

# The British Isles



