

# European Geography & Cultures Class

## Second – Fourth Grade

### Italy, Greece and Bulgaria

See related blog post on <http://CottonRidgeHomeschool.com> for free PDF Files and images. The blog post also has links to Map Folder, Stamp Album, and Card File instructions.

If you would like to teach **Greece** in a separate lesson, some suggestions are provided below. We ran out of weeks in our coop!

## A. Introduction to Italy, Greece and Bulgaria

### 1. Read

- Galloping the Globe, page 81
- A to Z Italy (The images in the PDF file provided in the related blog post and my sample cards are based on this book.)
- Greece (True Books: Countries) or Greece (A to Z)
- Children Just Like Me page 32

### 2. Map Folders and Stamp Albums

- Pass out Folders and Stamp Albums.
- Pass out postage stamps from Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, San Marino, Monaco, and Vatican City and stamp hinges.

## B. Physical Geography of Italy, Greece, and Bulgaria

### 1. Where on Earth

- **Find** the continent of Europe and the countries of Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, San Marino, Monaco, and Vatican City on a globe. Have students color these countries on the map on their folder.
- **Find** Europe and these three countries in the Atlas: start on page 76 of Where on Earth? Atlas, then find the country on page 78. Move on to page 80 to view the landscape, and to page 94 to see it by night.

### 2. Climate, Population and Wildlife

- **Review** Europe's overall climate on page 90 of Where on Earth? Atlas.
- To see pictures of some of the animals living in the Italy **visit** <http://www.essentialitaly.co.uk/blog/beautiful-wild-animals-italy/>
- **Read** pages 60 – 61 of the DK Children's Atlas about Italy, then read pages 66 – 67 about Bulgaria and Greece. **Find out** about **agricultural** products, major **landforms**, and **water** bodies.

### 3. **Card File** – Follow General Card File Instructions.

- **Listen** to *Around the World Stories* from Italy or Greece while working (subscription required: <https://www.aroundtheworldstories.com/>).
- **Flag** and **Map** Country Cover Card PDF File
- Country **Information** Card PDF File
- **Category** Cards - plain index cards or pre-printed PDF File (you may want to provide samples for students to copy)
- **Images** PDF File for Category Cards

## C. People

*Choose the activities that interest you the most. Add to your Card File as you learn new things and complete activities. Listen to related music and/or stories while doing projects if possible.*

### 1. Artists

✦ Michelangelo ✦ Leonardo da Vinci ✦ Raphael ✦ Giotto

- Where In the World? Around the Globe in 13 Works of Art. **Read** about Canaletto on page 27 and **look** at his painting on page 26.
- **Look** at Italian art on the iPad or in a library book.
- **Make Art** and **Listen**: paint or sculpt and listen to *Around the World Stories* from Italy.
- **Draw** while lying on your back: <http://mrswebersartclass.blogspot.com/2010/04/michaelangelos-sistine-chapel.html>
- **Watch** Leonardo da Vinci for Children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rm0qszPJnc8>

### 2. Authors & Poets

- **Read** or listen to an Italian story or poem (list on page 82 of Galloping the Globe).

### 3. Composers

✦ Verdi ✦ Vivaldi ✦ Corelli

- **Listen** to the *Story of Verdi in Words and Music* (VOX Music Masters CD)
- **Listen** to the *Story of Vivaldi and Corelli in Words and Music* (VOX Music Masters CD)
- **Listen** to *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi

### 4: Scientists: Galileo

- **Read** or listen to a story about Galileo
- Or, **watch** a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5vezYaOpC4>.
- **Do** an Astronomy project: *Discovery Space Projector*.

## D. Places & Food

### 1. Landmarks & Attractions

✦ Leaning Tower of Pisa ✦ Colosseum in Rome ✦ Pompeii ✦ Ancient Greek Ruins  
✦ Piazza San Marco ✦ Venice Canals ✦ Mt. Vesuvius

- **Watch** *A Photo Tour of Italy* on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LwKxIFzn1U>
- **Make** a Roman mosaic: [https://www.ehow.com/how\\_7761919\\_make-roman-mosaics-kids.html](https://www.ehow.com/how_7761919_make-roman-mosaics-kids.html)

### 2. Festivals & Events

✦ Milan Fashion Week ✦ Mardi Gras ✦ Ash Wednesday ✦ Bocce Ball

- **Play** Bocce Ball: <http://www.kids-sports-activities.com/bocce-rules.html>

### 3. Food

- **Read** Eat Your Way Around the World, page 52 - 54.
- **Make** Pizza, Minestrone, and Panna Cotta.

**Find more ideas on my Italy Pinterest Board:**

<https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/italy/>

**Find more ideas on my Greece Pinterest Board:**

<https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/greece/>

## Checklist for Basic Materials:

- Globe
- Galloping the Globe
- Where On Earth? Atlas
- DK Children's World Atlas
- Children Just Like Me
- A to Z Italy (or similar book)
- Map Folders, Stamp Albums, Stamps & Hinges
- Card File materials including printed PDF files (see general instructions)
- Music and/or Story CDs
- Stories from Italy or Greece by <https://www.aroundtheworldstories.com>
- iPad or Computer with internet connection for research (optional)

## Checklist for Projects:

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## Checklist for International Food Dishes:

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