

European Geography & Cultures Lesson Plan & Checklist

Second – Fourth Grade

Spain and Portugal

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.

A. Introduction to the Spain and Portugal

1. Read

- Galloping the Globe page 107
- Spain: A Benjamin Blog (The images in the PDF file provided in the related blog post and my sample cards are based on this book.)
- Children Just Like Me page 33

2. Map Folders and Stamp Albums

- Pass out Folders and Stamp Albums.
- Pass out postage stamps from Spain and Portugal, and stamp hinges.

B. Physical Geography of the British Isles

1. Where on Earth?

- **Find** the continent of Europe and the countries of Spain and Portugal on a globe. Have students color these two countries on the map on their folder.
- **Find** Europe and these countries in the Atlas: start on page 76 of Where on Earth? Atlas, then find the countries 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.
- **Review** page 92 of Where on Earth? Atlas to see the **wildlife** common across Europe, and don't miss the "**Biomes**" sidebar.
- **Read** page 58 – 59 of the DK Children's Atlas about Spain and Portugal. **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 Spain or Portugal 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. Culture

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. **Food**

- **Read** page 61 - 63 of [Eat Your Way Around the World](#).
- **Make** Bread Pudding and Paella.

2. For Festivals, Landmarks & Attractions, Crafts, and Recipes, and more please see my:

Spain Pinterest Board: <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/spain/>

and my **Portugal Pinterest Board:** <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/portugal/>

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Checklist for Basic Materials:

- Globe
- Galloping the Globe
- Where On Earth? Atlas
- DK Children's World Atlas
- Children Just Like Me
- Spain: A Benjamin Blog (or similar book)
- Map Folders, Stamp Albums, Stamps & Hinges
- Card File materials including printed PDF files (see general instructions)
- Stories from Spain or Portugal 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:

- Eat Your Way Around the World cookbook *or* Recipes
- Recipe ingredients: _____
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