

# European Geography & Cultures Class

## Second – Fourth Grade

### Alpine States (Switzerland, Austria, Lichtenstein, and Slovenia)

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 Alpine States

### 1. Read

- Look what came from Austria by Kevin Davis (The images in the PDF file provided in the related blog post and my sample cards are based on this book.)

### 2. Map Folders and Stamp Albums

- Pass out Folders and Stamp Albums.
- Pass out postage stamps from Switzerland, Austria, Lichtenstein, and Slovenia and stamp hinges.

## B. Physical Geography of the Alpine States

### 1. Where on Earth

- **Find** the continent of Europe and the countries of Switzerland, Austria, Lichtenstein, and Slovenia on a globe. Have students color the Alpine States 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 Alpine States 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

- The **climate** of the Alpine States is temperate.
- To see pictures of some of the animals living in the Alps **visit**: <https://www.alpenwild.com/staticpage/wildlife-in-the-alps/>.
- **Read** page 56 – 57 of the DK Children's Atlas about the Alpine States. **Find out** about **agricultural** products, major **landforms**, and **water** bodies.

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

- **Listen** to an *Around the World Stories* story from Austria 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

✦ Franz Richard Unterberger ✦ Friedensreich Hundertwasser

- **Look** at art from one or more of these artists on the iPad or in a book from the library
- **Paint** a picture inspired by Hundertwasser:  
<http://zilker elementaryart.blogspot.co.uk/2012/02/5th-grade-hundertwasser-flowers.html>  
or <http://kidsartists.blogspot.com/2012/10/lollipop-trees-in-style-of-hundertwasser.html> or  
<http://josettebrouwer.edublogs.org/2015/02/03/ketchup-time/>.

### 2. Authors & Poets

✦ Christine Nöstlinger ✦ Ludwig Bemelmans ✦ Johann Nestroy

- **Read** or listen to a story by Ludwig Bemelmans (author of the Madeline books).
- **Find out** more about one of the authors above.

### 3. Composers

✦ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ✦ Joseph Haydn ✦ Johann Strauss ✦ Franz Xaver Gruber & Joseph Mohr (Silent Night)

- **Listen** to *Mozart's Magic Fantasy: A Journey Through 'The Magic Flute'* (Classical Kids Audio Series).
- **Listen** to *Mozart's Magnificent Voyage* (Classical Kids Audio Series).
- **Listen** to *The Story of Haydn in Words and Music* (VOX Music Masters Series).
- **Listen** to *The Story of Strauss in Words and Music* (VOX Music Masters Series).
- **Read** Silent Night : The Song and Its Story, by Margaret Hodges

### 4. Prominent People

✦ The Von Trapp family ✦ Gisela Louise Marie, Archduchess of Austria

- **Read** or listen to a story about one of these important people.
- **Watch** *The Von Trapp Family: A Life of Music*
- **Watch** *The Sound of Music*

### 5: Scientists

✦ Ferdinand Porsche (automobiles) ✦ Eduard Haas (PEZ) ✦ Max Valier (Rocketry)

- **Read** or listen to a story about a scientist from Austria.
- **Do** a related experiment.

## D. Places & Food

### 1. Landmarks & Attractions

✦ Café Central in Vienna ✦ Schonbrunn Palace ✦ Kunsthistorisches Museum ✦ Imperial Palace  
✦ Mozartplatz and Mozart's Birthplace

- **Go** on an online Sound of Music Tour: <https://www.bigboytravel.com/europe/austria/salzburg/soundofmusicfilmlocations>
- **Make** an Edelweiss Paper Flower Craft: <http://www.paper-and-glue.com/2015/06/switzerland-edelweiss-flower-craft.html?m>

### 2. Festivals & Events

✦ Vienna Adventsmarkets ✦ Vienna Ostern Markets ✦ Lichterfest ✦ Wiener Wiesn

- **Make** Austrian Easter Eggs: <https://www.redtedart.com/how-to-austrian-easter-egg-blowing>
- **Make** a Dried Orange Christmas Garland: <https://rockyhedgefarm.com/blog/diy-orange-garland-homemade-holiday-series/11/10/2017>

### 3. Food

- **Make** Jägerschnitzel (Pork Cutlets): <https://www.carriesexperimentalkitchen.com/jagerschnitzel/>
- **Make** Linzer Cookies: <https://www.daringgourmet.com/linzer-kekse-austrian-linzer-cookies/>.

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

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

## Checklist for Basic Materials:

- Globe
- Where On Earth? Atlas
- DK Children's World Atlas
- Look what came from Austria (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 Austria 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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