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SS 11: European Union WS

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| **Questions and Thoughts:**  | **How did the European Union (EU) come to be?*** In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the European Union was set up with the aim of ending the frequent and bloody wars between neighbors, which culminated in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ World War.

**What countries founded the EU?*** The \_\_\_\_\_\_ founding countries are Belgium, France, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Italy, Luxembourg and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Economic foundation for EU*** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_s are dominated by a cold war between east and west. Protests in Hungary against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ regime are put down by Soviet tanks in 1956. In 1957, the Treaty of Rome creates the European Economic Community (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), or ‘Common Market’.

**A period of economic growth*** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_s is a good period for the economy, helped by the fact that EU countries stop charging custom duties when they trade with each other. They also agree joint control over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so that everybody now has enough to eat - and soon there is even surplus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ produce.

**More countries join the EU*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Ireland and the United Kingdom join the European Union on 1 January \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, raising the number of Member States to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Unified Currency*** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is now the new currency for many Europeans. During the decade more and more countries adopt the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The political divisions between east and west Europe are finally declared healed when no fewer than 10 new countries join the EU in 2004, followed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Romania in 2007.

**The EU Economy**In terms of the total value of all goods and services produced (GDP), it is bigger than the US economy. EU GDP in 2017:* €\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Trade in the EU*** With just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % of the world's population, EU trade with the rest of the world accounts for some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ % of global imports and exports.
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