

THE EUROPEAN UNION

1 **CLICK ON THIS VIDEO** about the European Union History **AND** then, **CHOOSE** the correct answers:

A) Where did it all start?

B) What were the 6 countries involved in the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)?

C) When was the EEC (European Economic Community) created?

D) In 1992 the EEC became the European Union (EU). There were 28 countries, but, what is the first country to leave Europe?

E) So nowadays, how many countries are there in the EU?



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### The European Union

The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of 28 member countries. Its main objective is to promote peace and ensure the well-being of EU citizens. To do this, the EU works to improve the economic and social development of member states.


The values of the EU include: respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law. The EU motto (a short phrase that represents the beliefs of the EU) is 'United in diversity'.

#### History of the European Union


Six European countries (France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg) united in 1957 to promote economic cooperation. Originally, the EU was called the **European Economic Community (EEC)**. Spain joined the EEC in 1986. In 1993, the EEC became the European Union.



1   The EEC began after World War II ended. How do you think World War II influenced the creation of the EEC?

2  Look at the map and answer the questions.

- a Which was the last country to join the EU? In what year did it join?
- b Did Latvia join the EU before or after Spain?
- c Can you name any countries in Europe that are not part of the EU?

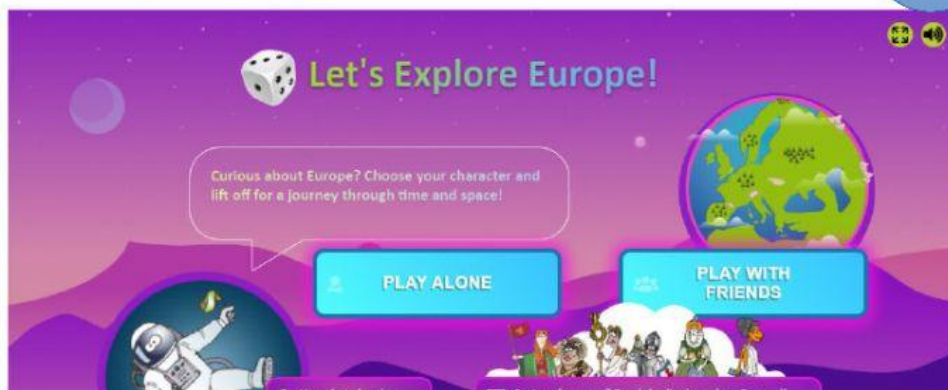
3  What are some of the EU's other objectives? Search online and write a list in your notebook.



3 **GAMES OF EUROPE.** Here you find 3 games about the European Union. **CLICK ON THE PICTURES TO PLAY. GOOD LUCK!**

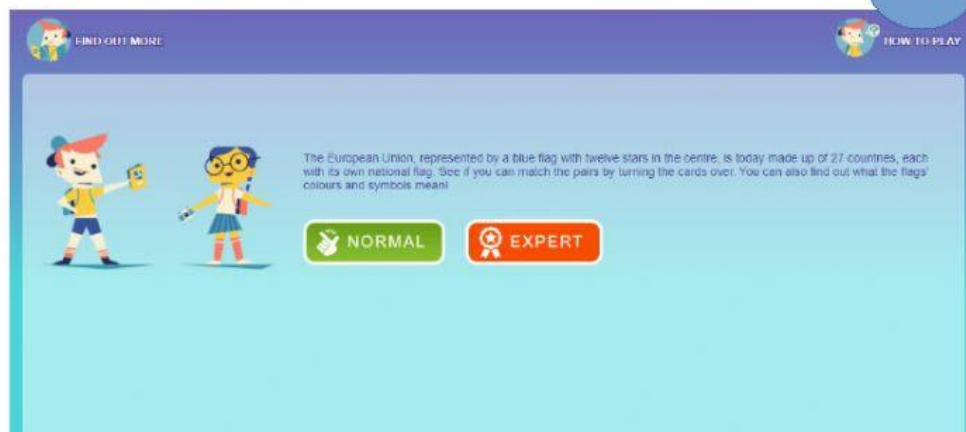
### Let's Explore Europe

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### Match the flags

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## The EU: what's it all about?

