Read each of Sections 3, 4, and 5. Answer the questions in the arrows for that section. Then compare what you read to what you experienced in class.

3 Economic Cooperation in the EU

How does a common market unite Europe?

The common market unites Europe by allowing goods and workers to travel more freely across borders.

What divisions are created by the use of the euro?

Divisions occur when some European nations refuse to adopt the euro. Also, the euro divides the EU into two groups: countries with economies stable enough to be allowed to adopt the euro and countries with less stable economies.

How do the differences between western and eastern nations divide the EU?

Wealthier Western European countries are concerned that so much money is being spent in Central and Eastern Europe. Some Western Europeans worry about losing jobs to other EU workers who are willing to work for less money.

How does creation of an EU trading bloc unite Europe?

The creation of an EU trading bloc unites Europe by allowing EU countries to have more power in the global economy than they would have individually.

What economic centripetal or centrifugal forces did the class experience as it traveled through Europe?

One economic centripetal force the class experienced was that the use of a common currency made purchasing goods much easier. One economic centrifugal force the class experienced was that, because all of the countries did not use the euro, some currency exchanges still had to be made.
4 Political Cooperation in the EU

How does the development of a supranational level of government unite Europe?
The development of a supranational level of government unites Europe by allowing it to work on issues that all Europeans share, like pollution. Also, the EU government strengthens Europe’s voice in world affairs.

How does the development of a European citizenship unite Europe?
With European citizenship, citizens of member nations can live and work anywhere in the EU and vote in all EU elections.

How can the expansion of EU membership cause division?
EU expansion can cause division because cooperation becomes more difficult with more countries and cultures.

How does the desire of European countries to keep their independence divide Europe?
Some European countries want to make their own decisions in areas like defense and foreign affairs, especially when they disagree with EU decisions.

What political centripetal or centrifugal forces did the class experience as it traveled through Europe? One centripetal force the class experienced was that as “citizens of Europe,” students no longer needed to show their passports to enter other EU countries. One centrifugal force the class experienced was that the United Kingdom did not want to give up power, so it kept the pound instead of adopting the euro.
5 Cultural Cooperation in the EU

How has the European Union united Europe by promoting a common culture? The EU has united Europe by promoting a European cultural identity. This European identity is associated with cultural symbols such as the EU flag, the EU anthem, and Europe Day.

How does increased travel unite Europe? Increased travel unites Europe by allowing Europeans to begin to view Europe as one united region.

Why do languages divide the European Union? They divide the EU because with more than 20 languages, communication can be difficult.

What are some other forces that continue divisions among European countries? National pride and cultural traditions are two other forces that contribute to divisions among European countries.

What cultural centripetal or centrifugal forces did the class experience as it traveled through Europe? Two cultural centripetal forces the class experienced were that students heard the EU anthem as they traveled and that the bumper stickers highlighted a European cultural identity. One cultural centrifugal force the class experienced was that the many languages of Europe made communicating difficult.