



Student Activity Book

Introduction to the Basque Culture

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Ongi etorri! Welcome, to the Basque Museum & Cultural student activity book. By working through this book and activities, you will become familiar with the Basque country, the Basque people, and the Basque culture. Here in the United States and elsewhere, the Basque people have immigrated over the years to find opportunity and start new lives, and we look forward to sharing that story with you.

By learning about the Basque journey, it is our hope to encourage understanding, tolerance, and inclusivity amongst our community today.

Let's get started!



SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY

**All additional activities,
supplemental materials, and
audio recordings can be
found on the BMCC Website:**

www.basquemuseum.eus/learn/virtual-learning-resources/

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CHAPTER 1

THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Our journey first starts between the mountains of the Pyrenees and the Bay of Biscay in Europe. Although not much is known, archaeologists believe the Basque people have been in this corner of the world for over 25,000 years. It is a beautiful country, with dry desert in the south, and lush green mountains in the north, and beautiful coastlines to the Bay of Biscay.



Today, the borders of the Basque country sit in two countries in Europe, _____ and _____. Can you also label them on the map on the left?

There are also 7 provinces that make up the Basque country. A province is a way to divide a country, similar to a state or county. Can you list them below?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

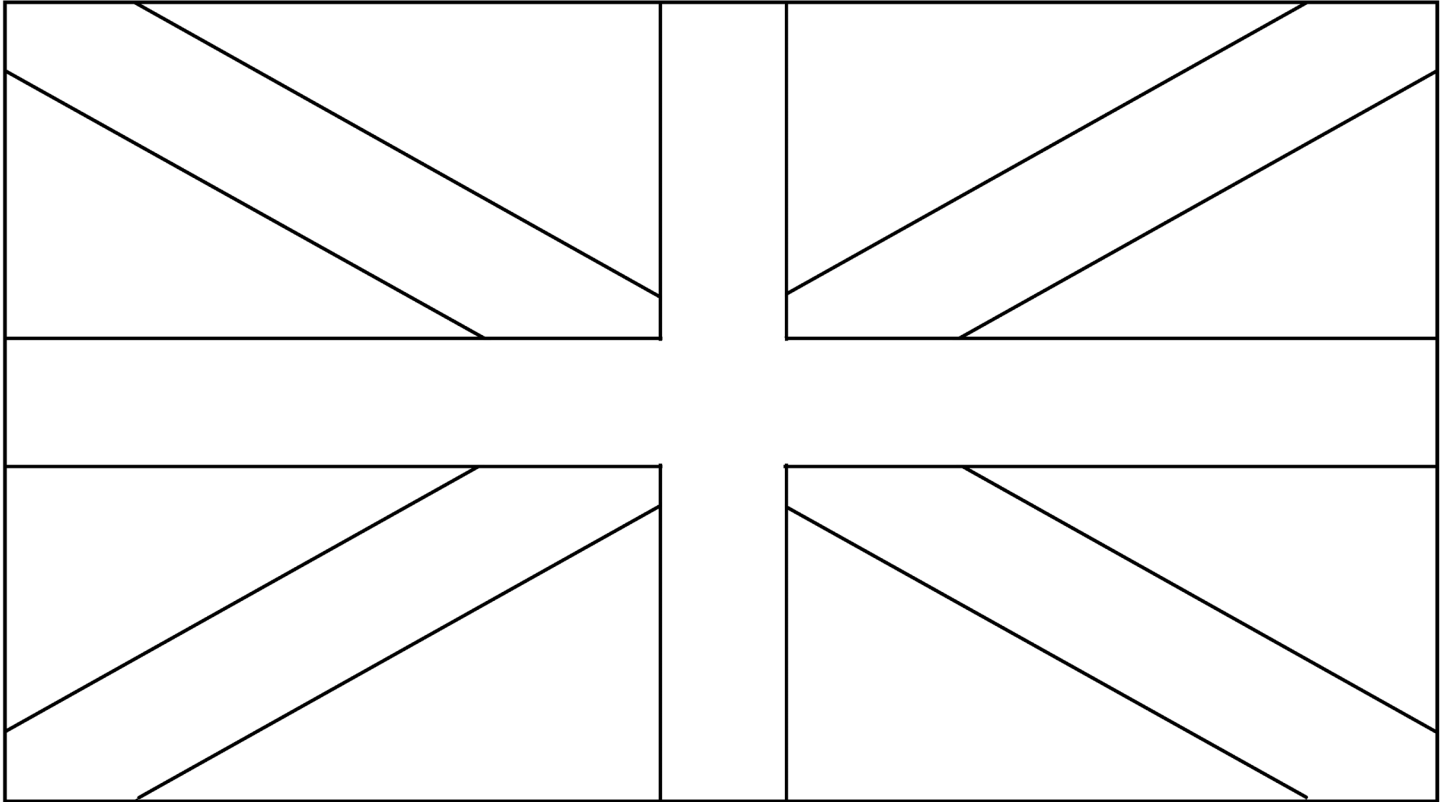


Now, on the map of the provinces, can you color the Spanish provinces green, and the French provinces red?

The Basque people call their country Euskal herria. How many people do you think live in Euskal herria today? _____

The Basque country also has its own flag, which is called the **Ikurrina**. There are 3 colors on the ikurrina; the red symbolizes Euskadi, the white stands for the Catholic religion that many Basque's practice, and the green represented the oak tree of Gernika which stands for freedom and independence.

Can you correctly color in the Ikurrina below?



Even though the Basque country today is a part of Spain and France, it still has its own unique culture and history. Now, let's explore more of the Basque culture!



SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY

Zazpiak Bat
Basque Coat of Arms



SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY

What is culture?

Answers: Approx 3 million people



CHAPTER 2

EUSKARA – THE BASQUE LANGUAGE

The Basque people have one of the most unique languages in the world, and it is called Euskara. It is incredibly ancient, and is a language isolate, which means it is not related to any other language in the world. Do you know what root language many European languages developed from? _____. Researchers believe Basque is one of the first languages that developed in Europe, even before the other romance languages that are there today.

Euskara has been taught and passed down orally for thousands of years, and it was first records of it being written down are in the 1500's.

Pronunciation Guidelines:

Tx = Ch

X = Sh

Z = S



SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY

Let's play Telephone!



Let's learn some Euskara together! Your teacher will play recording of words spoken in Euskara. Listen carefully, and write the English word next to the word in Euskara.

Audio Files available at:

www.basquemuseum.eus/learn/virtual-learning-resources/

1. Ama _____

8. Etxea _____

2. Aita _____

9. Kaixo _____

3. Amuma _____

10. Agur _____

4. Aitita _____

11. Ongi etorri _____

5. Ez _____

12. Ikastola _____

6. Bai _____

13. Ikasle _____

7. Txakurra _____

14. Eskerrik asko _____



Here are numbers 1 – 10. Listen to the recording again and write the correct number next to the Basque number!

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Bat _____

Sei _____

Bi _____

Zazpi _____

Hiru _____

Zortzi _____

Lau _____

Bederatzi _____

Bost _____

Hamar _____

Great job! If you would like to learn more Euskara, check out some of the vocabulary words below.

Euskara Vocabulary

Kaixo _____	Hello
Agur _____	Goodbye
Eskerrik asko _____	Thank you
Egun on _____	Good morning
Zer moduz? _____	How are you?
Mesede _____	Please
Ez horregatik _____	You're welcome
Txakur _____	Dog
Katu _____	Cat
Zaldi _____	Horse
Arrain _____	Fish
Ardiak _____	Sheep
Etxea _____	House
Janari _____	Food
Ur _____	Water
Hotz _____	Cold
Beroa _____	Hot
Komunak _____	Bathroom
Lauburu _____	Basque Symbol meaning "four heads"
Eguzkilo _____	Basque Sunflower
Ni _____ naiz _____	My name is...



SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITY

Let's listen to Euskara