

Students' Task sheets

Topic: GETTING TO KNOW THE EUROPEAN UNION

Class: 1st Grade of Junior High

1st Teaching Hour



Task 1:

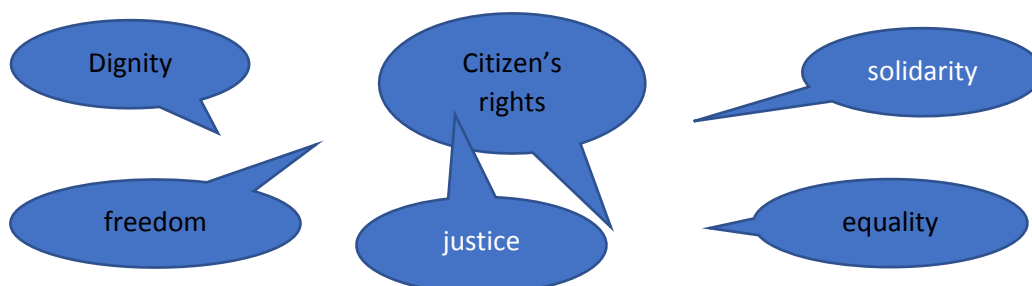
Listen to the following piece of music and try to guess what it is related to.

Task 2: Work with a partner and try to match the numbers of column A to the sentences in column B.

A	B
1952 ()	A. the European Day
28 ()	B. the European Union was firstly created
2013 ()	C. million people live in the European Union
512 ()	D. the last member state, Croatia, joined the Union
24 ()	E. the elements that represent the European Union
9 May ()	F. the member states of European Union
2016 ()	G. UK asked to leave the European Union
3 ()	H. the official languages of the European Union

Task 3: Basic Themes of European Union.

Look at the topics in the bubbles below and try put them in the correct definition.



- 1..... is the mutual support and agreement within a group of people.
- 2..... is the power to act, speak, or think as one wants.
3. is the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect.
4. is the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.
5. are what people are morally or legally entitled to do or have in life.
6. is the quality of being fair and reasonable, the administration of the law.

Task 4 : Pair Work



EUROPEAN FLAG QUIZ

Take a look at the map of the European Union bellow.

You will be given a number of cards with flags of European member states. Work with your partner and try to recognize the countries that the following flags represent.





Task 5: Poster

Work in two groups. Group A should stick the flags of the member states of the EU and the other will use the markers to note the basic themes of the EU in the poster.

THANK YOU.

Students' Task sheets

Topic: GETTING TO KNOW THE EUROPEAN UNION

Class: 1st Grade of Junior High

2nd Teaching Hour

Task 1.

Look at the following photos and write down a sentence explaining their connection with the European Union.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

Task 2: Read the text that follows and work with your partner to do the comprehension check that follows.

What is Brexit and What Does a Leave Vote Mean?



Like many other countries in Europe, the United Kingdom (or UK) is part of the European Union – but that is about to change. On the 23rd of June 2016, British people voted to leave the European Union. This has become known as ‘Brexit’, a combination of the words ‘Britain’ and ‘exit’.

What is the European Union?

The EU, as it's more commonly known, is a group of European countries who have all signed up to a series of agreements. Members of the EU can trade freely with each other without having to pay fees, and people who were born in an EU country can live and work in any other EU country without needing a visa. The member countries often have similar laws, especially about development and agriculture.

What happens now?

At the moment the UK is still a member of the European Union. After the vote they had to inform the rest of the EU about their decision by triggering Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty. The UK and the EU are currently in two years of negotiations to try to reach new agreements on trade and the movement of people.

Effect on the economy.

Directly after the Brexit vote, the value of the UK's money - the pound - dropped quickly. This was good news for any company who buys things in the UK and sells them abroad, but bad news for anyone trying to sell in Britain.

Many people were predicting that Brexit would cause a recession. So far the British economy is fairly steady, but there are some worrying signs, such as the housing market slowing down and stock prices falling. So far, employment has not been affected too much. The UK will be looking for new trading partners after their agreements with the EU are finished, so we could see the UK trying to strengthen their relationships with current partners such as the USA, Canada, China or Saudi Arabia.

Other consequences.

Europeans living and working in the UK may eventually need to apply for a visa so that they can stay. Whether or not that happens depends on the result of the UK's negotiations with the EU. There are also many Brits living in Europe, who may also either need to apply for a visa for the country they are currently living in or go back to the UK.

It is unlikely that Brexit will have much of an effect on tourist visas; the UK will still want tourists to visit the country and they already have a reciprocal agreement with many countries to allow its citizens visa-free entry.

In the end, we won't know the real effects of leaving the European Union until the UK and the EU have finished negotiating, which will be several years from now. One thing is for sure; it is in both the UK and Europe's best interests to make sure the change is a smooth one.

Comprehension Questions

True or False? Say whether the following statements are true or false. If they are false, say why.

- 1.By triggering Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, the UK was immediately no longer part of the EU.
- 2.The drop in value of the pound had a positive effect for some companies.
- 3.After the Brexit vote, the UK has entered into a recession.
- 4.The UK is trying to find new trade partners outside of Europe.
- 5.Brexit means that all tourists going to the UK will need a visa.

Task 3: Comprehension Questions

Find the answers to these questions in the article and work with a partner to note the answers down.

- 1.How is the word 'BREXIT' formed?

- 2.How did the UK inform the rest of their decision?

- 3.What negative effects has the Brexit vote had on the British economy?

- 4.What is the consequence of Brexit relating to the movement of people?

Thanks.