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Pack up and get ready to travel to France with Amanda Bennett’s new Passport Geography™ series! As part of the series, this one-week unit study has been developed to provide your student with a virtual tour of France, covering the geography of this nation, as well as some of its history, art and literature, landmarks, and interesting people.

You are about to begin an adventure to the beautiful country of France, taking an online journey to this fascinating part of the world. From online strolls through Paris to touring ancient Roman structures, you will visit historic and unique sites and marvelous places that span the nation that is officially called the French Republic.

Some of the regions you will be visiting include:

- Burgundy
- Provence
- The Pyrenees
- Normandy
As this is written, we are including the best resources available to give you the virtual experience of traveling around France. You will see and hear the sights and sounds of cities and villages, people, daily life, tourist spots, and historical places, all from the comfort of home—no passport required! Some of the spots that you will be visiting include:

- The Eiffel Tower
- The Louvre
- Lyon Cathedral
- Corsica
- Château de Chambord
- Carcassonne

When learning about the geography of a place, it is important to learn about the land, people, culture, and what it is like to live there. In addition to these, you will learn about some of the people and places in France. The people are fascinating, and we are including some interesting figures in Passport France. They include:

- Claude Monet
- Louis Blériot
- Louis Braille
- The Montgolfier brothers
- Pierre de Coubertin

With the new Passport series, you will see places that most people never get to visit, and become familiar with this part of the world and many of the landmarks and landforms that are in France. From learning about some of the food they enjoy, such as truffles, crepes, and cheese, you will be heading on to chateaus and cliffs, as well as the Champs-Élysées and Fourvière Hill. We are heading off on a great geographic adventure. Glad to have you along!
First Stop: Eiffel Tower

One of the most famous landmarks in Paris is the Eiffel Tower, and that is our first stop! Take a look at this map of Paris to see where it is located:

Interactive Map of Paris

Let’s catch a ride on one of its elevators and see a breathtaking view of the city!

Video: Kids Visit Eiffel Tower
Video: View From the Top Floor

Eiffel Tower Cam

Video: Eiffel Tower at Night

What is your first impression of the Eiffel Tower?

Does it look like anything you have seen before?

The tower is amazing, isn’t it? How tall is the Eiffel Tower?

Eiffel Tower

How many steps does the Eiffel Tower have?

Eiffel Tower (click on Key Figures)

Did you know? The Eiffel Tower is repainted every seven years using 60 tons of paint!

Video: Repainting the Eiffel Tower

Who designed the Eiffel Tower?

Eiffel Tower
One fun way to learn more about a country is to take a look at the food they enjoy.

**Try Out the Local Food!**

Let’s take a look at French food and mealtimes. What are the main mealtimes in France?

**French Mealtimes**

**Fun Food: Crepes**

A very popular fast-food dish in France is **crepes**. What are crepes, and how are they served?

**What Are Crepes?**

**How to Say It**

Video: **Easy Crepe Recipe**

Video: **Crepes by the Eiffel Tower**

Have you eaten crepes before?

Do crepes remind you of any breakfast food you’ve had before?
Claude Monet

A favorite artist was born and raised in France, and he painted many beautiful paintings in a style that people around the world came to love. His name was Claude Monet, and he was a very gifted artist and painter.

Video: Getting to Know Monet

About Monet

Where and when was he born?

Claude Monet

What style of painting did Monet use?

Style of Painting

“I have always loved sky and water, leaves and flowers . . . I found them in abundance in my little pond.” ~Claude Monet
Cheese is one of those foods that is enjoyed in most places around the world, and France has played an important part in cheese making over the years. Today you will be investigating the way cheese is made. *First, watch these video clips to find out how cheese is made:*

**Video:** How Cheese Is Made  
**Video:** How It’s Made: Mozzarella Cheese

What is the main ingredient in any type of cheese?

**How Cheese Works**  
**Step-by-Step Cheese Making**

How many pounds of milk does it take to make one pound of cheese?

**Step-by-Step Cheese Making**

During the process of making cheese, *curds* and *whey* are produced. How would you describe curds and whey?

**Step-by-Step Cheese Making** (scroll to step 4)

**Making Cheese**
Camargue Horses

One of the animals that you will find in France is the handsome and intelligent Camargue horse. *Take a few minutes to watch these videos and meet Justin and his special horse:*

- Video: Justin and His Camargue Horse
- Video: Camargue Horse

Camargue Horse (scroll down)
Diet
Camargue Horse
Horse Measurement Chart
Characteristics

*Use the links above to research, learn, and complete this Camargue Horse layer book for your lapbook.*

Describe the habitat of the Camargue horse—where does it live?

Camargue Horse
Habitat

The height of a horse is measured in “hands.” How many inches is one hand?

Hand (scroll down to definition 9)
Horse Hand Measurement