**Chapter 3: Western Europe**

Section 1: Chapter Atlas

1. Physical Features

* **Peninsula** –
* Europe is attached to Asia and separated by the Ural Mountains
* **Eurasia** –
* **North European Plain –**
* One of the largest level areas of land in the world
* **Alps** –

B. Climate and Ecosystems

* Most of Western Europe has a mild climate because of the warm current of the Atlantic Ocean
* Brings mild winters to most locations in Europe
* **Loess –**
* **Tundra –**
* Found in Northern Scandinavia
* **Taiga –**

C. A Diverse Continent

* Most Europeans have a high standard of living with a strong education system
* At one time over 50 languages were spoken throughout Europe
* Today over half of Europe’s population speaks English

D. Europe’s People

* Europe is about the same size as the United States but has over 2 times the population (740 million people)
* Most of Europe is highly urban and industrialized
* Population is densest near the coast

E. Pollution Problems

* **Pollution –**
* Most highly industrialized regions in the world have problems with pollution
* **Acid Rain –**
* Caused by pollution from factories and cars in continental Europe
* Poison trees and plants throughout the region

F. Urban Continent

* **“Urban Continent”** –
* Very few Europeans own their own homes – majority live in apartment buildings
* Most Europeans use public transportation to move around Europe than they drive their cars