

# Europe- The Alpine Region

## Key Vocabulary

<b>Settlement</b>	A city, town or village.
<b>Human features.</b>	Created by humans e.g. houses, roads.
<b>Physical features.</b>	Naturally occurring e.g. river, mountain, lake.
<b>Region</b>	An area, especially part of a country or the world, having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.
<b>Fold Mountains</b>	Created when two or more tectonic plates are pushed together.
<b>Tectonic plates</b>	Form the Earth's outer shell.

## General Knowledge

The Alps are one of the great European mountain ranges, and spread across eight countries: France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Austria, Italy, Slovenia and Monaco.

The mountains formed over millions of years as the African and Eurasian tectonic plates collided. This caused marine sedimentary rocks to thrust and fold upwards into high mountain peaks such as Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn.

More than 120 million visitors visit the Alps each year – tourism provides essential income.



## Physical vs Political Maps

