

Pioneers of the European Union

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Learning objectives

Throughout this lesson:

- Students will understand why we need to talk about pioneers.
- They will learn key information about the 6 pioneers from 6 different EU countries.

Materials needed

- Printed pioneers' cards (see attachments below)
- Paper and pencils
- White board + board maker

Structure/activities

- At the beginning, you can explain to your students why it is important to talk about pioneers. Eg., because of them we managed to develop common currency of Euro ... (see the link in background info part to receive guidance for this part)
- Then you can distribute to the students printed pioneers' cards.
- Following the distribution of cards, you can start teaching each card.
- It will be nice to make this lesson interactive by asking them if they have any relatives in the countries you are going to discuss.
- Doing this will enhance the encoding of the information.
- Once you finish, you can ask students to form groups of 3-5 and work on cards (especially on the name of the key person and corresponding key words). Ask students to choose a team name. Having a team name will boost in-group feeling and will encourage students to work towards a common goal.
- You can allow students 30 min to work on cards as a group and tell them that they will be competing as a group and group who provides more correct answer will win the game :)
- Then take cards from students, tell key words and ask them to write the corresponding pioneer for each key word on a paper.
- Collect the paper and use white board to enter the scores for each group.
- For this lecture, students will not have any additional quizzes since it will be boring for them to memorize the info related all 6 pioneers.
- The aim here is to provide the main idea regarding the existence of pioneers at EU level and highlight the reasons about why we need to talk about them by mentioning the contributions of 6 pioneers from 6 different countries.



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Background information

https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/history-eu/eu-pioneers_en

Assessment

Group Work

Connection with the EU Legends Game in R2



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What did he do?

- 1- He initiated the creation of Benelux (economic cooperation between Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg).
- 2- He participated to the creation of the Council of Europe and chaired its Consultative Assembly.
- 3- Spaak Report - prepared the report on the creation of a common European market.

Key words to remember:

- Benelux
- Creation of the Council of Europe
- Spaak Report



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Niyazi Kızılyürek

Cyprus

What did he do?

- 1- First Turkish Cypriot who is selected as a member of the European Parliament.
- 2- He is fighting for the peaceful reunification of Turkish and Greek Cypriots.

Key words to remember:

- 1st Turkish Cypriot in the European Parliament
- Fighting for reunification



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Kristalina Ivanova
Georgieva

Bulgaria

What did he do?

- 1- Chairman of the International Monetary Fund.
- 2- Former CEO of the World Bank.
- 3- Former European Commissioner.
- 4- She won the "European Commissioner of the Year" award and was named "European of the Year".

Key words to remember:

- Monetary Fund
- World Bank
- European Commissioner
- European of the Year



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Alcide De Gasperi

Italy

What did he do?

- 1- Played a leading role in Europe's second post-war integration.
- 2- Prime Minister between 1945 and 1953.
- 3- His work helped to create the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC).

Key words to remember:

- Integration
- Prime Minister
- European Coal and Steel Community.



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Dainis Īvāns

Latvia

What did he do?

1- Highlighted the loss of landscapes and the relocation of numerous villages and towns required in the course of the construction.

2- Awarded as a most popular journalist. .

3- Leader of the Latvian Social Democratic Workers' Party

Key words to remember:

- Protecting Landscapes and Towns
- Journalist
- Social Democratic Workers' Party



Hüber Danuta

Poland

What did he do?

1- Worked as Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations.

2- Served as a former Polish minister for European Affairs and European Commissioner for Regional Policy as the first Polish member of the European Commission

3- Since 2009, she is a Member of European Parliament.

Key words to remember:

- Deputy Secretary General
- First Polish Member of the European Union
- Member of European Parliament



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Melina Mercouri

Greece

What did she do?

- 1- Put efforts to increase cultural awareness across Europe.
- 2- Greece's longest serving Minister of Culture
- 3- Outstanding role in the creation of the European Capital of Culture initiative.

Key words to remember:

- Cultural Awareness
- Minister of Culture
- European Capital of Culture initiator

