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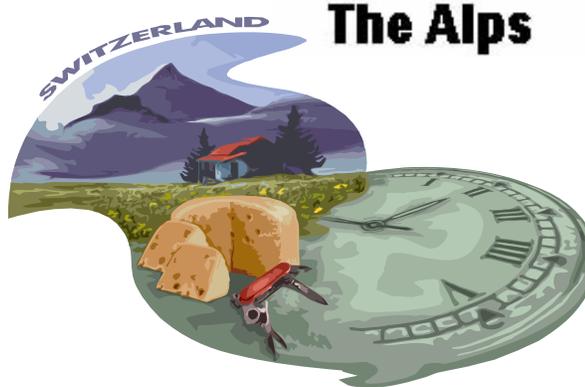
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Grade Level: 6–10

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Switzerland
Beyond Our Borders Series

Subject Areas: Geography, Social Studies, History, Architecture

Synopsis: Focusing on Switzerland's geographical position at the center of Europe, details the French, German and Italian influences in this remarkably stable nation. Once the scene of hundreds of years of invasions, Switzerland is shown as a country of majestic mountains, lakes and rivers that form a background to some of the oldest cities in Europe. Visits Zurich, Schaffhausen, Lucerne, Interlaken, Grindelwald, Bern, Murten, Avenches, Basel, Neuchatel, Lausanne, Geneva, Montreux, Zermatt, Lugano and Locarno reviewing the history, economy and social fabric of each area.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to describe the distinctive geographical and cultural regions of Switzerland.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to recognize that Switzerland is a neutral country whose people still are ready to defend their country against any invaders.
- Objective 3)** Students will be able to explain why several international organizations have their headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Objective 4)** Students will be able to explain how Switzerland's unique geography has influenced cultural, economic and political institutions.

Vocabulary:

neutral republic, neutrality, Alpine, diverse cultures, Romansch, Confederation Helvetica, Romanesque, edelweiss, cantons, ramparts, aerial railway, yodelers, federal assembly, Swiss Confederation, Mediterranean culture, Provolone cheese, chateau

Pre-Viewing Questions and Activities:

- 1) Where is Switzerland located? What countries are Switzerland's nearest neighbors?
- 2) When we think of Switzerland, what images come to mind?
- 3) During World War I and World War II, which armies did Switzerland support?
- 4) What is the basis of Switzerland's economy?

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Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) Why have so many international organizations located their headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland?
- 2) If you could choose to visit only one region of Switzerland, which one would it be? Why would you choose this area?
- 3) What historical events made the Chateau de Chillon so famous?
- 4) What outstanding collection is located in Zurich's Landesmuseum?
- 5) How have the Swiss used the power of their rivers to promote industrial growth in their country?
- 6) Why do so many tourists want to visit Switzerland?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Uncover the stories of some of the people who have lost their lives while attempting to climb the Matterhorn.
- 2) Investigate the programs offered by a health resort in Locarno.
- 3) Investigate the legal system in practice at the high courts of Justice in Lausanne.
- 4) Visit a travel agent or use web-based research to find out what cruises are available on the Rhine River in Switzerland.
- 5) Do further research on the international operations of any of the organizations headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

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