France and Jean-Paul Sartre

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Geography

- Bordered by Spain, Andorra, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, and Luxembourg
- 4 Times the size of Georgia
- Mostly Flat Plains and gently rolling hills except along the border with Italy
- Generally cool winters and mild summers except along the Mediterranean sea.
Population

- 66,553,766 (July 2015)
- Only .43% growth rate
- Official language: French
- Life expectancy: Males: 78.7, Females: 85.01
- Average age of first birth: 28.1
- Largest age group: 25-54 Years 38.31%
Religion

- Christian (Mostly Roman Catholic): 63-66%
- Muslims: 7-9%
- Jewish: 0.5-0.75%
- Buddhist: 0.5-0.75%
- Other: 0.5-1.0%
- NONE: 23-28%
Culture

- **Art**
  - French impressionist artists include: Monet, Manet, Degas, Cezanne, Rodin, Renoir, Matisse

- **Food**
  - Well known for contributions to the culinary arts
Literature

- French existential movement started in the 1940’s

- “What all existentialists have in common is the fundamental doctrine that existence precedes essence”  Jean-Paul Sarte

- French Existentialists:
  - Jean-Paul Sarte, Albert Camus, Simone De Beauvoir, Gabriel Marcel
Rap Sheet

Artist name: Jean-Paul Sartre
DOB: June 21, 1905
Country/Place of birth: Paris, France
Religious affiliation:
Education: Earned certificates in psychology, history of philosophy, logic, general philosophy, ethics and sociology, and physics from École Normale Supérieure, in Paris
Politics: Marxist, socialist
Relevant Literary or Philosophical movement:
   Existentialism, Marxism
Genres: Novels, short stories, Plays, Essays
Main themes: The conflict between the oppressive and spiritually destructive, and an "authentic" way of "being"
Style: Minimal style and a lack of big words to show humanity for what it truly is
Example: The wall gives several examples of existentialism in the character’s experiences of alienation in their cell and in how they ponder their existence and life as they await their death.
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