I am European

What it means to me being European? Maybe a lot of people gave themselves this question. What do we have in common? What do we have different? I´ll try to answer these questions.

We live in such a small place that we must have lots of things the same. For example – history. I think every school in Europe teaches us about our national history a bit more than about others, but we know about them too. We know what happened in medieval between England and France and these countries probably know what happened to us. This is related to traditions. In fact, most of the traditions are the same. We celebrate Christmas, Easter and New Year. Of course we celebrate them a little bit different than English people, but it´s similar. On Christmas we all celebrate birth of Christ and on Easter we celebrate the end of Winter and arrival of Spring. The next part of being European is that we have similar languages. It doesn´t mean that English is same as Russian, but languages similar to each other have many words same. You can travel between countries without learning their languages. So the next thing what I want to talk about is obviously travelling. I think the European Union makes it easier and easier. There are some language barriers, but there are open boundaries, so you can travel without bigger problems. Fifty years ago you couldn´t just sit in your car and went to Croatia without a special permission, otherwise you would have big problems on boundaries. Now it is not a problem to work in other countries or to visit them. On your holiday you can meet people from dozen countries. You can make new friends and chat or visit them later.

I feel proud of being European. I think people on other continents doesn´t have what we have here. We are like big family. We help each other with economics, we like similar sports and we have similar education.

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