**Western Europe Vocabulary**

**Peninsula – a strip of land that sticks out into the ocean, water surrounds 3 sides**

**Cultural diffusion – the process by which people adopt the practices of their neighbors**

**Renaissance – the revival of art, literature, and learning that took place in Europe during the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries**

**Industrial Revolution – the shift from human power to machine power**

**Summits – the highest point of a mountain or similar elevation**

**Prevailing westerlies – the constant flow of air from west to east in the temperate zone of the earth**

**Euro – the common currency used by member nations of the European Union**

**Tertiary economic activity – an economic activity in which people do not directly gather or process raw materials but pursue activities that serve others; service industry**

**Moor – broad, treeless, rolling land, often poorly drained and having patches of marsh and peat bog**

**Bog – an area of wet, spongy ground**

**Glen – a narrow valley**

**Peat – spongy material containing waterlogged and decaying mosses and plants, sometimes dried and used as fuel**

**Cultural divergence – the restriction of a culture from outside influences**

**Blight – a plant disease**

**Fjord – a narrow valley or inlet from the sea, originally carved out by an advancing glacier and filled by melting glacial ice**

**Geothermic energy – energy produced from the earth’s intense interior heat.**

**Mixed economy – a system combining different degrees of governmental regulations**