

Lesson Two: Is Europe a proper continent? Statements on the Mediterranean

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| <p>The Mediterranean is technically a part of the Atlantic Ocean. Source: Princeton University</p> | <p>The water of the Mediterranean is saltier than that of the Atlantic, especially in the East. Source: Encyclopaedia of the Earth</p> | <p>The Sea of Marmara is often considered a part of the Mediterranean Sea, whereas the Black Sea is generally not. Source: Wikipedia</p> |
| <p>The Mediterranean has two main basins, in the East and West, separated by the Sicily Channel. Source: Encyclopaedia of the Earth</p> | <p>The Mediterranean Sea is bounded by the coasts of Europe, Africa and Asia. Source: Wikipedia</p> | <p>About 14 km wide at its narrowest, the Strait of Gibraltar is the entry point from the Atlantic Ocean into the Mediterranean Sea. Source: worldatlas.com</p> |
| <p>The Suez Canal, opened in 1869, links the Mediterranean to the Red Sea. Source www.suezcanal.gov.eg</p> | <p>The deepest point in the Mediterranean is 5267m: the Calypso Deep in the Ionian Sea. Source: Encyclopaedia of the Earth</p> | <p>The first Suez Canal was dug in the 19th century BC and linked the Nile to the Red Sea. Source www.suezcanal.gov.eg</p> |
| <p>Among the widely-recognised smaller seas within the Mediterranean are the Alboran, Balearic, Ligurian, Tyrrhenian, Ionian, Adriatic and Aegean Seas. Source: Wikipedia</p> | <p>The history of the Mediterranean region is hugely important if we want to understand the origins of many modern societies, because it was so important for ancient trade. Source: Princeton University</p> | <p>The Mediterranean sea is the largest enclosed sea in the world with 46,000 km of coastline. This includes 24 countries and territories from Europe, Africa and the Asia. Source: WWF global</p> |