

Europe

This activity accompanies chapter 8 from *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* by James Weldon Johnson, record number 1758.

Activity Title: Europe

Description: The students will give detailed directions to sites they wish to see in a city in Europe.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Geography

Skill: Writing and map making

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will give detail directions, along with an accompanying map, to at least three sites they wish to see in a European city.

Materials:

- *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* chapter 8, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- European maps, or internet access to electronic maps
- Construction paper
- Colored pencils, markers, etc.

Procedures:

Read the chapter with the class, or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main events of the chapter and how it ends with the main character leaving with his millionaire friend to travel to Europe. Next, have the students choose a European city in which they wish to visit. Along with their city, have the students choose at least three sites they wish to see while visiting. Then, have the students use European maps (you can get them free from travel agents or auto clubs) or the internet to create a map showing their site visits.

Along with the site visits, have the students include directions to each place they visit. For example, the student could begin their journey at a train station, or airport, and then give directions to their first site (including what transportation they will use to get there). Then, from their first site they will give directions to their second site, and so on, until they return to the train station or airport.