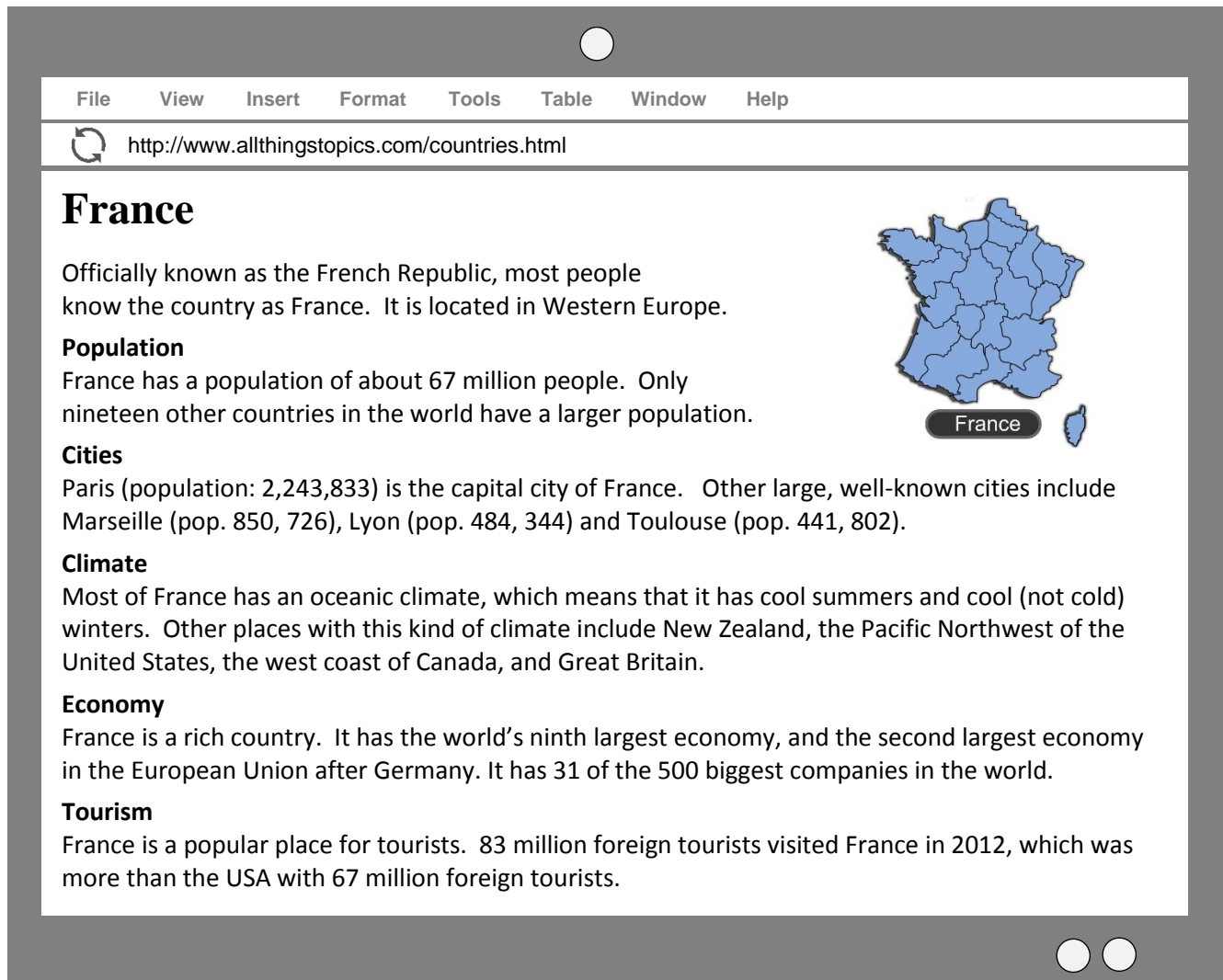NAME: _____   DATE: _____

READING (Scanning)   **COUNTRIES**

● *Read the Internet article and decide if each statement is true or false.*

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http://www.allthingstopics.com/countries.html

France

Officially known as the French Republic, most people know the country as France. It is located in Western Europe.

Population
France has a population of about 67 million people. Only nineteen other countries in the world have a larger population.

Cities
Paris (population: 2,243,833) is the capital city of France.   Other large, well-known cities include Marseille (pop. 850, 726), Lyon (pop. 484, 344) and Toulouse (pop. 441, 802).

Climate
Most of France has an oceanic climate, which means that it has cool summers and cool (not cold) winters. Other places with this kind of climate include New Zealand, the Pacific Northwest of the United States, the west coast of Canada, and Great Britain.

Economy
France is a rich country. It has the world's ninth largest economy, and the second largest economy in the European Union after Germany. It has 31 of the 500 biggest companies in the world.

Tourism
France is a popular place for tourists. 83 million foreign tourists visited France in 2012, which was more than the USA with 67 million foreign tourists.

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1. France is in Central Europe. **TRUE / FALSE**

2. The article says France is larger than 19 other European countries. **TRUE / FALSE**

3. The capital city of France is larger than Toulouse. **TRUE / FALSE**

4. More than 800,000 people live in Marseille. **TRUE / FALSE**

5. The weather is usually not very cold in France. **TRUE / FALSE**

6. New Zealand and Great Britain have similar climates. **TRUE / FALSE**

7. France is richer than Germany. **TRUE / FALSE**

8. France has 500 of the biggest companies in the world. **TRUE / FALSE**

9. The article says many people like to visit France. **TRUE / FALSE**

10. The article says 67 million tourists from the USA visited France in 2012. **TRUE / FALSE**

Aim	Reading (Scanning) Practice
Level	Elementary to Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

My Notes

1.	FALSE	**6.**	TRUE
2.	FALSE	**7.**	FALSE
3.	TRUE	**8.**	FALSE
4.	TRUE	**9.**	TRUE
5.	TRUE	**10.**	FALSE

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France#Government
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