

## Discussion Guide: The Origins of European Economic Cooperation and Integration

Read the sources and answer the following questions. Make sure you use examples from the sources to support your answers.

### Marshall Plan Speech

What were the immediate issues facing Europe in 1947?

How would the Marshall Plan benefit: a) Europe, and b) the United States?

Why did Marshall argue that European nations needed to cooperate in order to succeed?

### Letter from Jean Monnet to Robert Schuman

According to Monnet, why did the United States wish to see Western Europe recover?

Why did Monnet argue that European nations should collaborate?

Schuman Declaration

Why is the Franco-German relationship crucial for any sort of European federation?

Why does Schuman argue for the “pooling of coal and steel production”?

The Ruhr has replaced the United States as France’s main coal supplier

Why would France benefit from receiving more coal from the Ruhr and less from the United States?

Big Picture Questions

Why would France want to pool its coal and steel resources after 1945? Why would Germany? (Hint: Think about the history between the two nations)

What are the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to supranational organizations?