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Pope attacks Europe's throwaway culture

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THE READING

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Pope Francis criticised Europe in a speech at the European Parliament. He attacked Europe's 'throwaway culture,' which he said ignored the elderly, the seriously ill and unborn children. He said technology and economics seemed more important than people. He said people were now just "cogs in a machine" and that whenever someone is no longer useful, that machine throws them away. He said Europe suffers from uncontrolled consumerism.

The Pope warned that Europe's sense of community and great ideas were disappearing because of bureaucracy. He warned that this was "downright harmful" to people. The Pope also warned that Europe was not caring for its people. He said: "One of the most common diseases in Europe today is the loneliness typical of those who have no connection with others." He added that this was especially true of the elderly and the young.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Pope Francis criticised | a. longer useful |
| 2. in a speech at the | b. culture |
| 3. He attacked Europe's throwaway | c. a machine |
| 4. the seriously | d. consumerism |
| 5. cogs in | e. them away |
| 6. whenever someone is no | f. Europe |
| 7. that machine throws | g. European Parliament |
| 8. Europe suffers from uncontrolled | h. ill |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Europe's sense | a. for its people |
| 2. great | b. of the elderly |
| 3. disappearing because | c. ideas |
| 4. harmful | d. common diseases |
| 5. not caring | e. to people |
| 6. One of the most | f. of community |
| 7. typical of those who have no connection | g. of bureaucracy |
| 8. especially true | h. with others |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis criticised Europe (1) _____ European Parliament. He attacked Europe's (2) _____ which he said ignored the elderly, the (3) _____ unborn children. He said technology and economics (4) _____ than people. He said people were now just "(5) _____" and that whenever someone is no longer useful, that machine throws them away. He said Europe suffers from (6) _____.

The Pope warned that Europe's (7) _____ and great ideas were disappearing (8) _____. He warned that this was "(9) _____" to people. The Pope also warned that Europe was not caring for its people. He said: "(10) _____ common diseases in Europe today is the (11) _____ those who have no connection with others." He added that this (12) _____ the elderly and the young.

EUROPE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Europe in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **Europe** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
