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Where in the World Is Torino?

Located in northwestern Italy, Torino sits in the Po River Valley. Torino is near many snowy, mountainous towns, which makes it an ideal location for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games!

A. Use online research to answer the following questions:

1. Italy is a boot-shaped peninsula of land surrounded by water. What bodies of water surround Italy?

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| a. _____ | d. _____ |
| b. _____ | e. _____ |
| c. _____ | |

2. What four countries border Italy?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

3. What is the capital of Italy? _____

4. What mountain range is north of Torino? _____

5. What three rivers pass through Torino?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

B. How far will the following athletes have to travel from their hometowns to reach Torino? Research answers online.

1. Hermann Maier (an alpine skier) lives in Flachau, Austria. How far will he have to travel?

2. Hyun-Soo Ahn (a short track speed skater) is traveling from Seoul, South Korea. How far will he have to travel?

3. Irina Slutskaya (a figure skater) is from Moscow, Russia. How far will she have to travel?

BONUS!

Work with a partner to research a country that is participating in the 2006 Olympic Winter Games (e.g., Canada, Italy, Finland, Germany, Japan, Australia, Russia).



Fun Facts About Torino, Italy

- Torino became unified Italy's first capital in 1861.
- Torino has the highest proportion of movie theaters to people of any Italian city and is host to the annual Torino Film Festival.
- With a population of 868,000, Torino is the largest city ever to host the Olympic Winter Games.
- City life has existed in the area now known as Torino since 218 B.C.!
- Tic-Tac breath mints were invented in Torino.