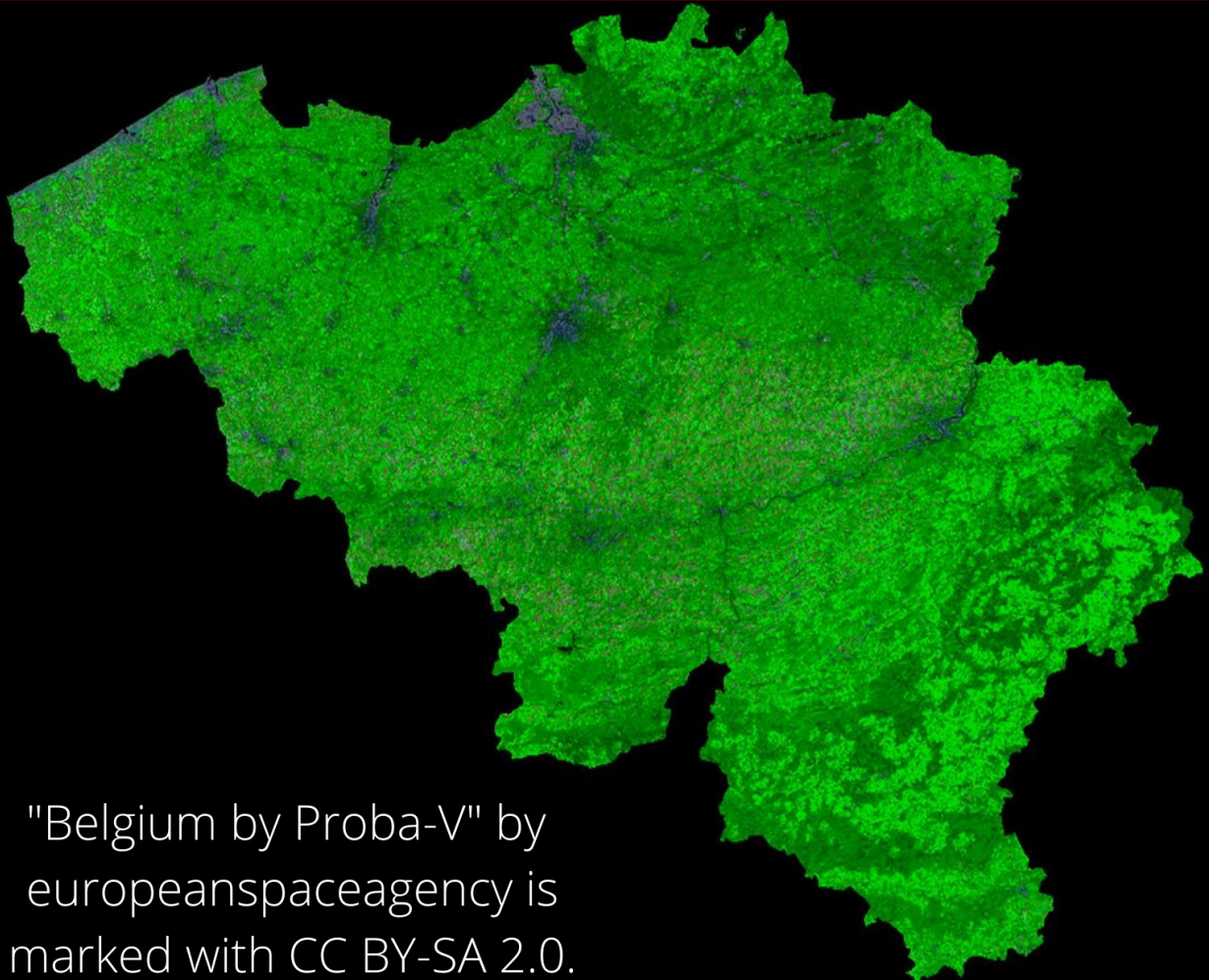


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I love creating unit studies to help provide a rich world to explore. I don't view learning as something finite, or that has an end, so I don't worry about finishing or doing everything. But I love finding a lot of resources for my kids to explore, without the worksheets or quizzes. If you're looking for worksheets, you're going to be disappointed, but if you want diverse lists of resources: books, movies, documentaries, TV shows, websites, and subscriptions, then this unit study is for you. Please do not feel that your child needs to read every book or watch every movie. There are picture books, comic books, early readers, and chapter books of a variety of lengths, so some books will not be appropriate for your child. The same goes for the rest of the resources. Pick and choose what is available to you, what you think your child will enjoy, and what will help the unit study be successful for you. At the same time, don't be afraid to substitute; this is by no means an exhaustive list. Also note that the books can be read by the child, either in print or on an e-reader, read by the caregiver to the child, or listened to by the child as an audiobook. Whatever works for your child is fine.

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Some subscriptions my family has used during our country unit studies, and what I think of them:

[Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels](#) - this is by far my favorite subscription we've gotten. It's a monthly letter that comes with four different recipes, each from a different country or location.

[Little Passports](#) - We got this for two years and kept everything, so you'll see I include it in some of the unit studies. It's recently been revised, and looks really cool now. There is a letter, but also a worksheet and one recipe. Each month is from a different country, and comes with a small toy or activity.

[Around the World Stories](#) - If you have auditory learners, this is excellent! Four ~30 minute stories from each of the countries they feature. However, they seem to have stopped creating new stories part way through Asia, so you might want to be cautious about purchasing the Asia stories.

[Letters from Afar](#) - we do not have this subscription service, but if I can find out what countries they have included, I will include them in my unit studies, as I have heard nothing but amazing things from them.

[Parts Unknown](#) is a TV show, and I really like it. There is some language, so you may want to pre-watch for young learners. It is available to purchase streaming rights on Amazon. It is mostly about food in different areas, but also goes into some social and political issues.

[Curiosity Stream](#) is all documentaries, and they regularly have sales for just \$12/year! This is one of my family's favorite resources.

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Book List:

Title	Author	# Pgs	Illustrated	Fiction/ Nonfiction
Belgium	Pateman, Robert	144	color	nonfiction
Belgium	Walker, Ida	88	color	nonfiction
Belgium	Wingfield, George	120	color	nonfiction
The Prisoners of Breendonk: Personal Histories from a World War II Concentration Camp	Deem, James M.	340	color	nonfiction
Chocolate	Carrigan, Mellone	48	color	nonfiction
Belgian Chocolate: Bean-to-Bar Generation	Marcolini, Pierre	192	no	nonfiction
The Taste of Belgium	van Waerebeek, Ruth	675	color	nonfiction
Willy and Max: a Holocaust Story	Littlesugar, Amy	40	color	fiction
Nowhere Boy	Marsh, Katherine	362	no	fiction
The Black Island (Tintin book)	Herge		color	Fiction (graphic novel)
Van Gogh	Crispino, Enrica	64	color	nonfiction
Beyond Courage: the Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust	Rappaport, Doreen	228	yes	nonfiction
Saving Stella: a Dog's Dramatic Escape from War	Fakher, Bassel Abou	40	color	nonfiction
Belgium	Burgan, Michael	144	color	nonfiction
Doctor Smurf	Peyo	48	color	Fiction (graphic novel)
Maurice and his Dictionary: A True Story	Fagan, Cary	53	color	Nonfiction (graphic novel)

Great Escapes: Real Tales of Harrowing Getaways: True Stories	Cummings, Judy Dodge	128	yes	nonfiction
The Battle of Waterloo	Roberts, Russell	48	color	nonfiction
The Battle of the Bulge: Nazi Germany's Final Attack on the Western Front	Burgan, Michael	112	color	nonfiction
The Secret in the Old Lace (Nancy Drew)	Keene, Carolyn	176	no	fiction
Water Song: A Retelling of "The Frog Prince"	Weyn, Suzanne	208	no?	fiction
Silent in an Evil Time: The Brave War of Edith Cavell	Batten, Jack	144	yes	nonfiction
Manneken Pis: A Simple Story of a Boy Who Peed on a War	Radunsky, Vladimir	32	color	fiction
Peter Paul Rubens	McLanathan, Richard	92	color	nonfiction
Asterix in Belgium	Goscinnny, Rene	48	color	Fiction (graphic novel)
Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands	(Britannica Guide to Countries of the European Union)	224	color	nonfiction
The Belgian Horse	Green, Sara	24	color	nonfiction
The Strange Awakening of Lazy Smurf	Peyo	54	color	fiction
Pussycat	Peyo	192	color	fiction
The Adventures of Tintin: Volume 1	Herge	192	color	Fiction (comic strips)
Courtship and Curses	Doyle, Marissa	339	no	fiction
Waterloo	Crompton, Samuel Willard	111	color	nonfiction
The Body Under the Piano	Jocelyn, Marthe	325	yes	fiction
World War I: An Interactive History Adventure	Swain, Gwennyth	112	color	nonfiction
Money	Cribb, Joe	72	color	nonfiction

Dark Hedges, Wizard Island and Other Magical Places that Really Exist	Crandall, L. Rader	122	color	nonfiction
The Secret Agent: And Other Spy Kids	Zullo, Allan	147	no	nonfiction
Women Heroes of World War II: 32 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Resistance, and Rescue	Atwood, Kathryn J.	340	yes	nonfiction
World War II: The Events and Their Impact on Real People	Grant, R. G.	192	color	nonfiction
Women Heroes of World War I: 16 Remarkable Resisters, Soldiers, Spies, and Medics	Atwood, Kathryn J.	246	yes	nonfiction

Recommended TV Shows:

[Super Wings](#) Season 2 Episode 19: "Waffle Mix-Up"

Possible Subscriptions:

[Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels](#)

Movies:

Name	Length	Rating	Fun/Documentary
Love, Romance, & Chocolate	84 minutes	G	Fun
Countries Around the World: Belgium	13 minutes	NR	documentary
The Nun's Story	151 minutes	NR	fun
The Wipers Times	90 minutes	13+	fun
The Smurfs: Season 1, Volume 1	345 minutes	NR	fun

Documentaries from Curiosity Stream:

Apocalypse: World War I

Apocalypse: Never Ending War, 1918-1926: Vengeance

Apocalypse: World War II

Crime Scene Solvers, Episode 5: Honeymoon Killers, Episode 13: The Mystery of Room 602

Secret Migrations, Episode 3: Black Cap Warblers

The Great Underground War, Episode 1: The Mines of Ypres

Waterloo: Hidden Traces

Global Food, Episode 2: Once Upon a French Fry

Recipes:

Belgian fries
Potato croquettes
Stoofvlees (beef stew)
Yule log (dessert)
Carbonade flamande (beef and beer stew)
Sole meuniere (fish)
Chicon au gratin (ham, endives, and a sauce)
Moules frites (mussels)
Stoemp (mashed root vegetables)
Gentse waterzooi (chicken stew)
Boulets (meatballs)
Crevette grise (shrimp)

Websites:

[Geography Now! Belgium \(YouTube\)](#)
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/the-h-word/2015/oct/12/edith-cavell-nurse-martyr-and-spy>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Singing_Nun
<https://www.expatica.com/be/lifestyle/food-drink/top-belgian-foods-with-recipes-108654/>
<https://wonderfulwanderings.com/belgian-recipes/> - more recipes
[Belgium's Tourist Webpage](#)
[Belgian Music on YouTube](#)
[Culturegrams: Belgium](#) - an excellent resource for older students
[Radio Garden: Belgium](#) - listen to Belgium's radio stations!

Music:

[Dream Songs, Night Songs: From Belgium to Brazil](#) (CD)
[Siente: Night Songs From Around the World - a Collection](#) (CD)