



## RESOURCE 7



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This iron ingot from 1953 symbolises the Schuman Plan, an idea put forward by French foreign minister Robert Schuman on 9 May 1950. His plan proposed the creation of a European Coal and Steel Community, whose members – Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands – would pool coal and steel production. Such a measure was seen as vital to prevent further war between France and Germany as it stopped competition over natural resources, particularly in the Ruhr region. Compromise was the way forward.

- Find out how the word 'Europe' is normally spelt in the languages of the six countries that founded the European Coal and Steel Community.
- Then observe how the word 'Europe' is spelt on the ingot shown in this image. Can you think of an explanation as to why it is spelt this way?