Secondary Industries in the Paris Basin
THE EUROPEAN REGION I HAVE STUDIED IS THE PARIS BASIN.

THIS IS A CORE REGION OF EUROPE.

THE TWO FACTORS I WILL BE DISCUSSING THAT HAVE INFLUENCED THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY INDUSTRIES HERE ARE Physical AND Human DYNAMICS
Physical / drainage – The River Seine runs for 13 km through Paris. Along with its tributaries the Oise and the Marne, they provide a natural entry and exit point for all imports and exports.

The region is linked to the sea by the port at Le Havre and so heavy industries such as oil refining, steel and car manufacture are located along the river in the northwestern section of the Paris Basin so that costs are reduced for the easy import and export of goods.
Heavy industries are concentrated in the north east of the City. Many factories are located along the canals to facilitate the import of heavy raw materials. The lowlying relief along these canals also allows the construction of large industrial areas. Examples here include Citroen, Renault and pharmaceutical industries such as Akzo NV.
LOWLYING RELIEF IN THE REGION OF THE PARIS BASIN HAS ALLOWED THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFICIENT ROAD AND RAIL NETWORK. RINGROADS AND HIGH SPEED FREIGHT TRAINS OPERATING AROUND THE CITY ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY INDUSTRIES.
Lowlying relief has also allowed the development of high quality agricultural goods such as dairy produce and cereals. These can be used in the food processing industries such as Danone and cheese manufacturing as in Brie. The existence of such an important agricultural region has also allowed the development of the agricultural machinery industry as in Chartres and Caen. Fertiliser industries to supply the agricultural industry have been developed in Le Havre.

DANONE

Besson Manufacturers
The advantage of cheap, efficient road and rail travel can be seen in the development of the fashion industry. Fashion houses such as Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent are located just outside the city on the major access routes.
THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ALSO INCLUDES A METRO AND SEVERAL AIRPORTS, ITS TWO INTERNATIONAL ONES ARE CHARLES DE GAULLE AND ORLY.

Paris is a NODAL POINT – this benefits industry as transport costs are kept low and raw materials and finished goods can be transported rapidly. This is seen in the daily transport of dairy produce from Brie.
EASY ACCESS TO BRITAIN IS PROVIDED BY THE TGV (TRANS GRAND VITESSE), A HIGH SPEED TRAIN, THROUGH THE CHANNEL TUNNEL. These transport routes have allowed the cheap import of raw materials such as fuel, electronics and chemicals.