

# The sea's adventure

## European's identity by literature





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- Leisure activities

SEA

- Environmental  
balance



Helps developing:  
Relationships  
Creates bonds



In what way can the Portuguese  
Sea be seen as a bridge to the  
European identity?

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## A Literature insight



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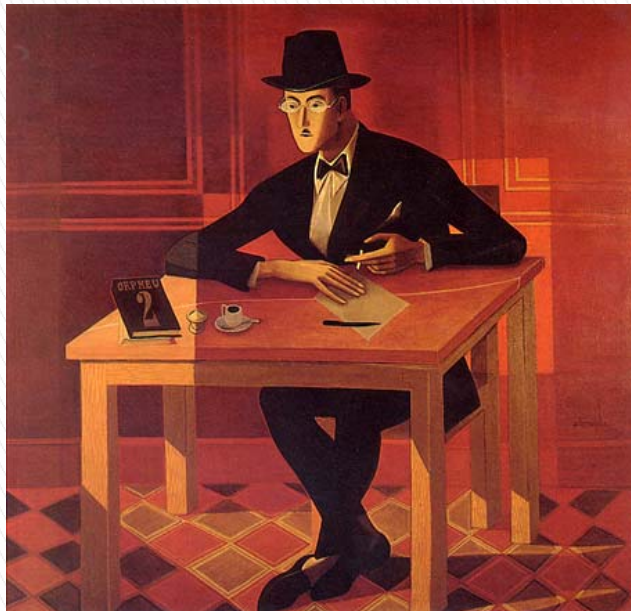


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## Portuguese Sea

Oh salty sea, so much of your salt

Characteristics

Is tears of Portugal!

Because we crossed you, so many mothers wept,  
So many sons prayed in vain!

So many brides remained unmarried  
That you might be ours, oh sea!

salt = Why?

Tears = Suffering

Why do we cross the sea to suffer?

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Was it worthwhile? Question

When the spirit is not small.

He who wants to go beyond the Cape  
Has to go beyond pain.

God to the sea peril and abyss has given

But it was in it that He mirrored heaven.

The soul greatness

Success = overcome pain

Sea: danger

Sea: reward



Is there, within European Union, a common emotional ground the Europeans feel of?



