

Modern Europe

SECTION 1 Eastern Europe Under Communism

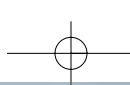
SECTION 2 Eastern Europe and Russia

SECTION 3 The European Union



Movement High-speed trains, like this one in France, make travel in Europe very convenient.





How are the new republics of Eastern Europe using natural resources to build their economies?

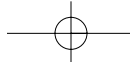
Human-Environment Interaction • Natural resources are often an important part of a nation's economy. When the Soviet Union broke up in 1991, the newly independent nations of Eastern Europe chose to develop market economies.

In Ukraine, which is rich in coal and iron, mining and manufacturing are major industries. (Ukraine once had vast petroleum and natural gas resources, but heavy production used up much of them.) Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have large forests and good farmland. Estonia is also rich in oil shale, which it uses to make electricity.

What do you think?

- ◆ How do natural resources affect the types of goods a country produces?
- ◆ Why is it important for countries to use natural resources carefully?





READING SOCIAL STUDIES

BEFORE YOU READ

►► What Do You Know?

Before you read the chapter, think about what you already know about Europe. Do you have family, friends, or neighbors who were born in Europe? Have you read books, such as the Harry Potter series, that take place in Europe? Think about what you have seen or heard about Italy, England, France, or Germany in the news, during sporting events, and in your other classes.

►► What Do You Want to Know?

Decide what you know about Europe today. Then, in your notebook, record what you hope to learn from this chapter.

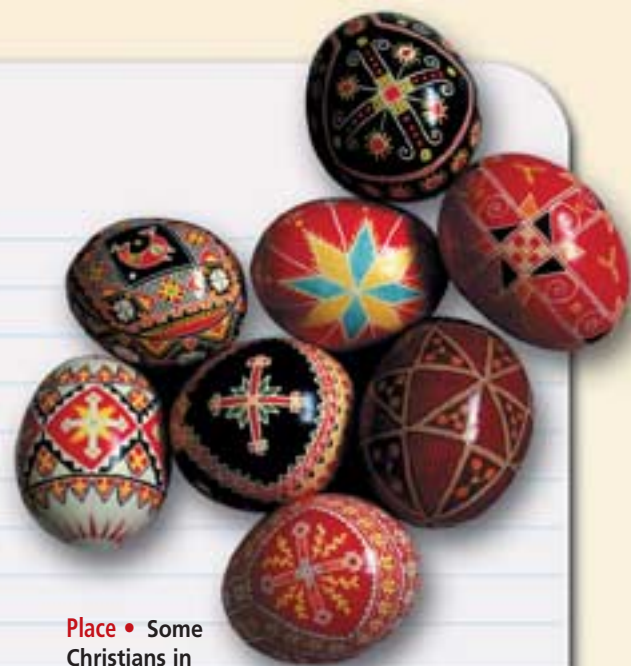


Region • Euros are the most visible symbol of economic unity in Europe. ▲

READ AND TAKE NOTES

Reading Strategy: Comparing Comparing is a useful strategy for understanding how events change societies. As you read this chapter, compare Eastern Europe under communism with Eastern Europe after communism. Use the chart below to take notes.

- Copy the chart into your notebook.
- As you read, notice how government, economics, and culture differ under the old and new systems.
- After you read each section, record key ideas on your chart.



Place • Some Christians in Ukraine dye Easter eggs brilliant colors. ▲

Aspect	Under Communism	After Communism
Government		
Economy		
Culture		