

#### Let's clear some things up

#### Great Britain is an island that includes

- England
- Scotland
- Wales

### United Kingdom is the name of a country

#### •Includes:

- England
- Scotland
- WalesOAll on the island of Great Britain
- Northern Ireland.









#### Government



- Constitutional Monarchy: this means the King or Queen has limited rights,
- The King or Queen more stands as a figure head than a political leader
- Prime Minister: Theresa
  May

- The Parliament makes the laws in England (like the U.S. Congress)
  - It is a representative law-making body whose members are elected or appointed
- The ideas of the English government later spread to the US





This is the Parliament building What is the name of this famous clock tower?







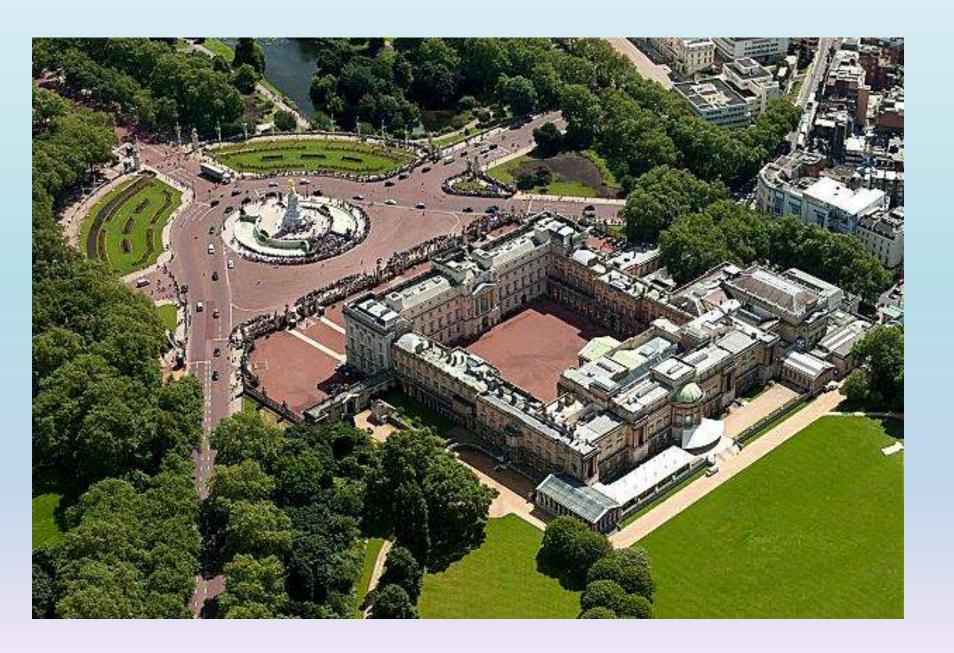




Buckingham Palace



Royal Guard



#### Royal Wedding April 29, 2011

- NY Times estimated that 3 Billion people watched it worldwide
- Kate Middleton, known as a commoner, was marrying Prince
   William, Queen
   Elizabeth's grandson







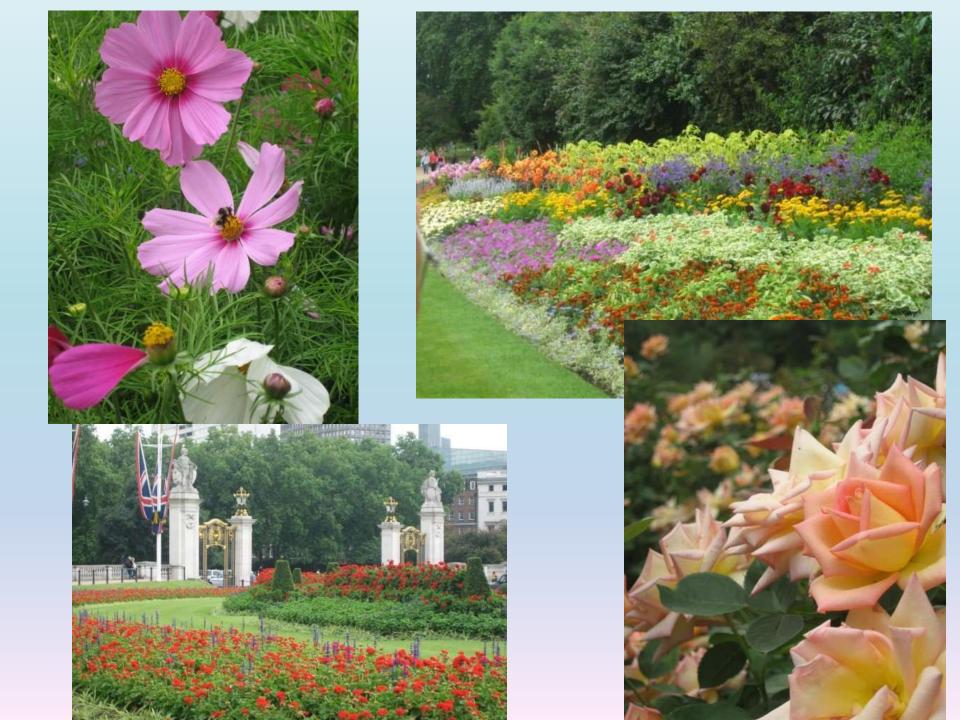




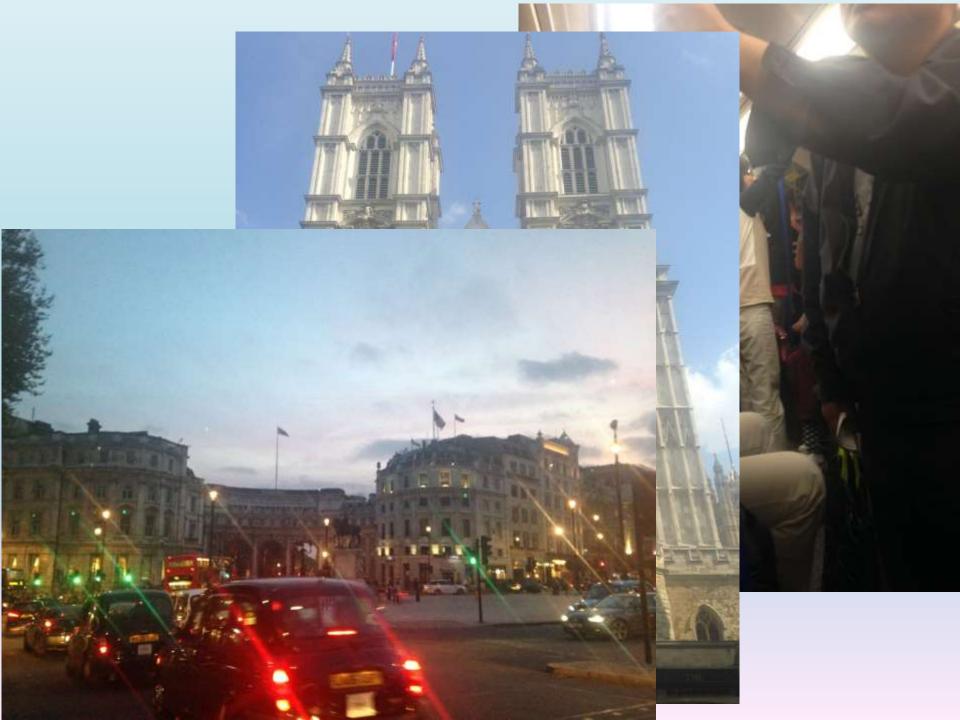






























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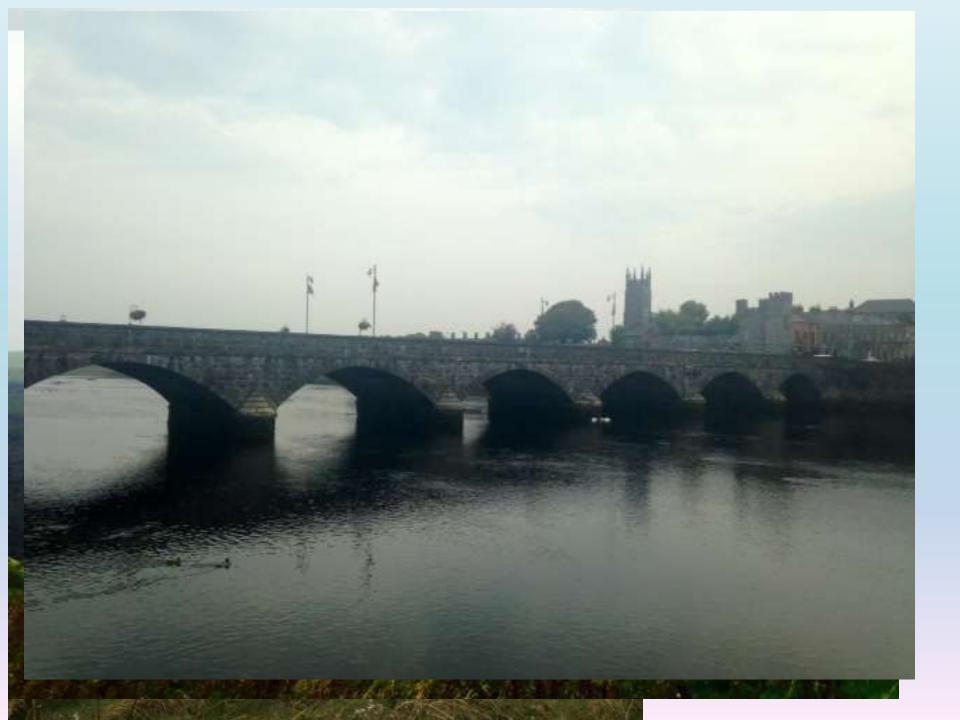






















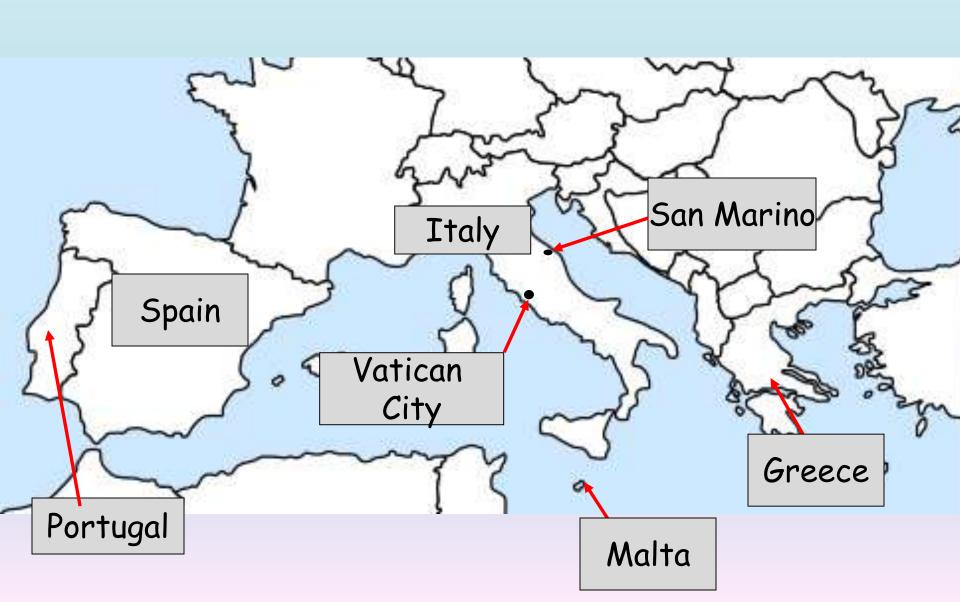


#### SCANDINAVIA (NORDIC COUNTRIES)

- Once the home of the Vikings.
- People are urbanized and well educated.
- All of the nations are Protestant in religion.

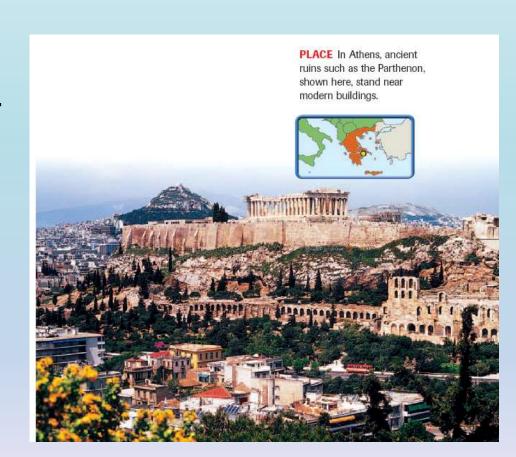






# Two things have made this region the birthplace of European civilization

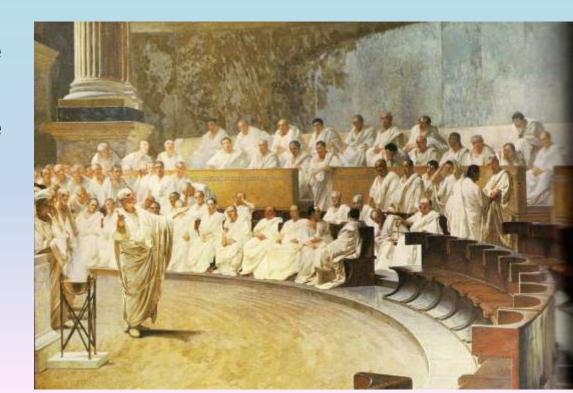
- Mild Climate:
   survival is easier,
   more time to
   develop
- Mediterranean
   Sea: encouraged
   overseas trade



# Ancient Greece: The birthplace of democracy!

The city-state of Athens developed the first democracy, a government in which the people rule. In Athens, all free adult males were citizens who had the right to serve in the law-making assembly





## The Roman Empire



The Roman Empire grew by conquering territory overseas

– Created a republic: vote on elected

representatives





#### The Renaissance ('rebirth') - a renewed interest in learning, art, literature, architecture

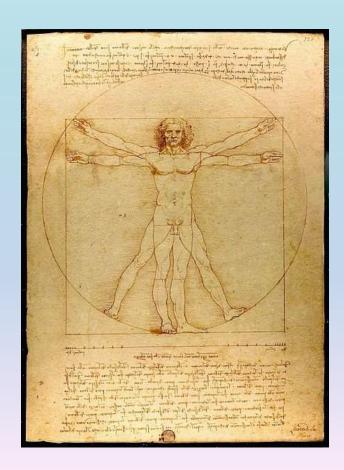


Leonardo da Vinci:16th century portrait known as the *Mona* Lisa

The **Vitruvian Man** is a <u>drawing</u> created by <u>Leonardo da Vinci</u> circa 1490

Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the <u>Sistine</u> <u>Chapel</u>; the work took approximately four years to complete (1508–1512





Southern
Europe is
home to many
famous
ancient ruins.



Roman Forum in Rome, Italy



Acropolis with the Parthenon in Athens, Greece

#### VATICAN CITY

http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/gma-rare-scenes-historic-vatican-21258507

 An <u>independent state</u> surrounded by the city of <u>Rome</u>

Smallest country in the world (0.2 sq. miles)





#### Cartoon by John Trever from th

Source: http://list.cagle.com/et-



#### **Problems today?**

- Moving to industrialize the mostly agricultural economy
- <u>Dependence on</u>
   <u>imported petroleum</u>

   for energy
- Political turmoil from 20<sup>th</sup> century still evident
- Greece in the news recently for multiple economic bailouts

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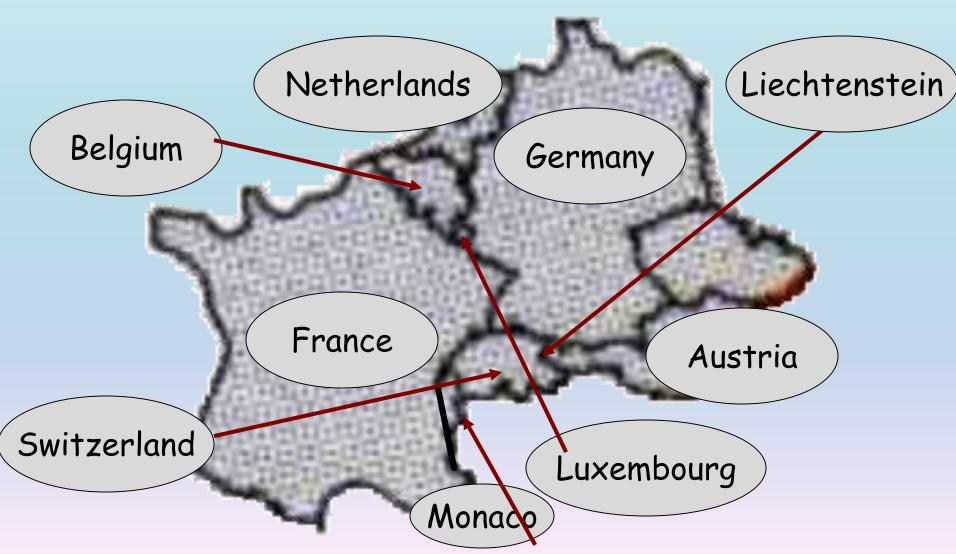
FRANCE, GERMANY, BELGIUM,
THE NETHERLANDS,
LUXEMBOURG, SWITZERLAND,
AUSTRIA, LIECHTENSTEIN







# Western Europe Matching



#### France and Germany

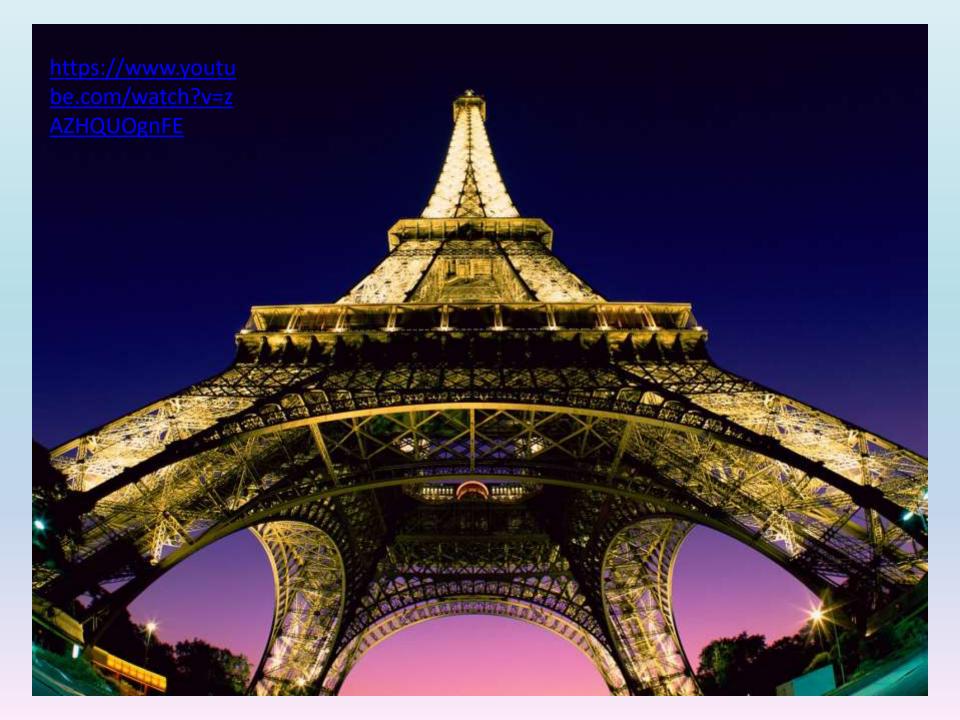




- Access to many natural resources, ports, and trade routes = very large and successful economies!
  - WHY???







 Famous for perfumes, jewelry, glassware, furniture, fashion design

 Tourism is a large part of the economy (French Alps, Riviera, Paris)





 World admired transportation network – modern railroads, airports, & the autobahn (freeway system, known for no speed limit)





# Driving on the Autobahn! Aahhhh!!!



#### Germany

- Europe's largest economy
- Leads Europe in steel production
- The German people are the country's most important economic resource
  - Among the world's best paid and best educated (world leaders in scientific, technological, & organizational skills)







#### Frankfurt, Germany



Bless you!

- World leader in the production & export of automobiles
  - Audi, Volkswagen, Porsche, Mercedes, BMW (Bavarian Motor Works)





### Nationalism

- Nationalism: pride in one's country
- This idea led to competition amongst countries
- After WWI ended in 1918, blame and sanctions were put on Germany
- Animosity and hostility persisted, and WWII began after Germany invaded Poland (1939-1945)



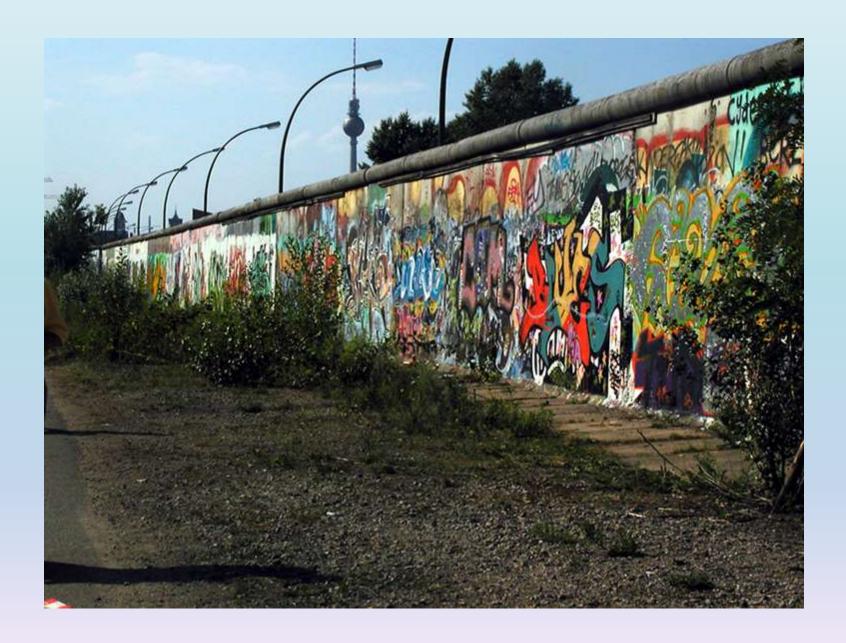




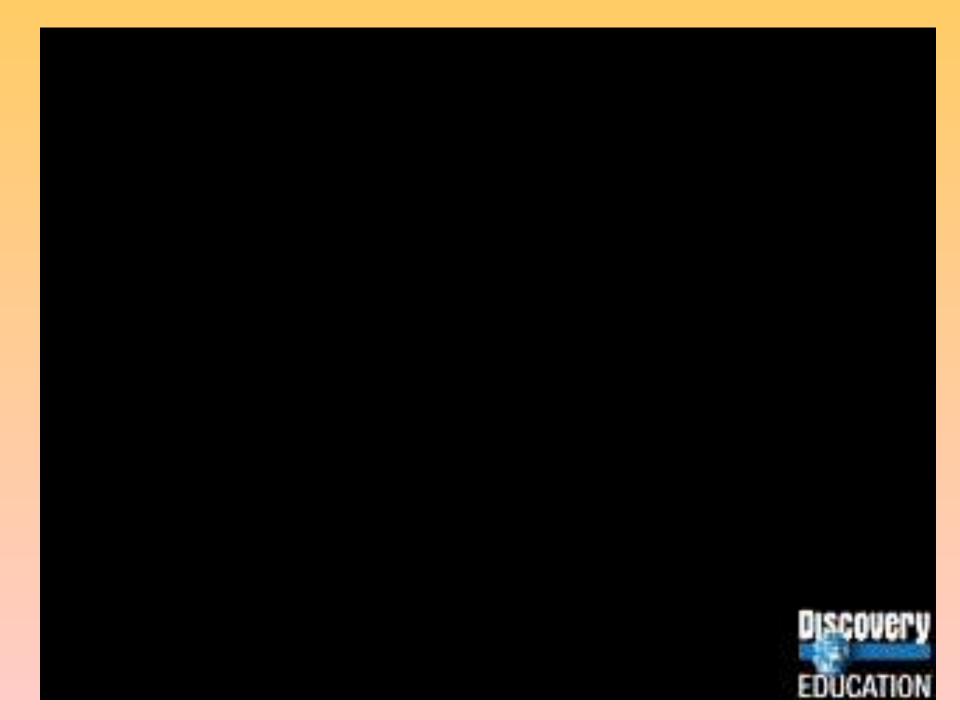
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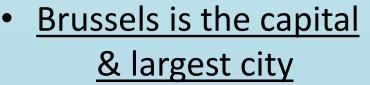






### Belgium

- Two language regions
  - North is Flemish (a language related to Dutch)
  - South is French (people called Walloons)



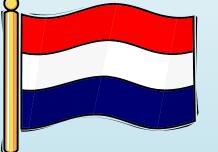
Numerous organizations have their headquarters in Brussels EU (European Union) NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)











#### The Netherlands

also called Holland, its people are called the Dutch

Means "low lands" – nearly ½ of the country lies below sea level

- Constructed system of canals removes water
- The people pumped the area dry by using windmills, which became a symbol of the country







- Highly industrialized export market
  - One of the world's largest oil refineries & the headquarters for one of the world's largest oil companies → Shell



- Amsterdam is the capital
- Rotterdam world's busiest seaport

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/07/netherlands-marijuana-law n 1000676.html

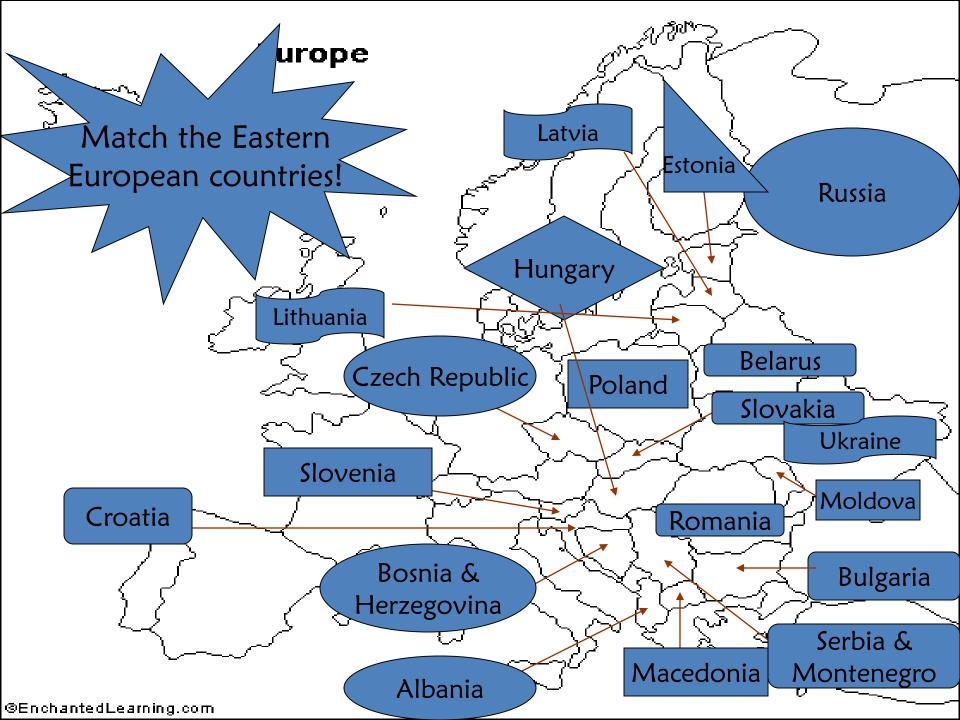


#### MONACO

 People are drawn from around the world to Monaco's beautiful Mediterranean beaches

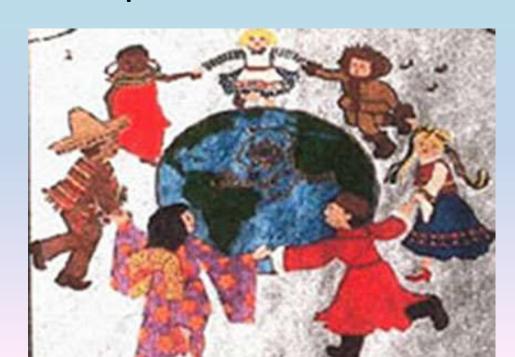






#### Cultural Crossroads

- Due to Eastern Europe's location, it has become a "cultural crossroads": a place where multiple cultures crossed paths
- Many people have passed through this portion of Europe to cross between Europe and Asia





## Soviet Union's Control of Eastern Europe

- After WWII: <u>Soviet</u>
   <u>Union dominates</u>
   <u>Eastern Europe</u>
- Became "Satellite Nations" (mini-Soviet Unions)
  - "Hammer & Sickle"
  - USSR: United Socialist
     Soviet Republics



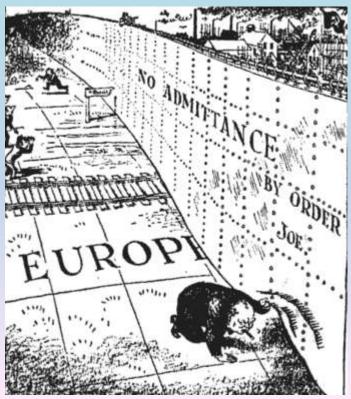
Nations dominated by another country



#### Dividing West from East

This <u>division between Western and Eastern</u>
 <u>Europe became known as the "Iron</u>
 <u>Curtain"</u> (imaginary)





#### Conflicts over National Identities

 In Eastern Europe, there have been frequent conflicts over ethnic identities

Led to
 <u>"Balkanization"</u>:
 <u>process of a region</u>
 <u>breaking up into small,</u>
 <u>mutually hostile units</u>

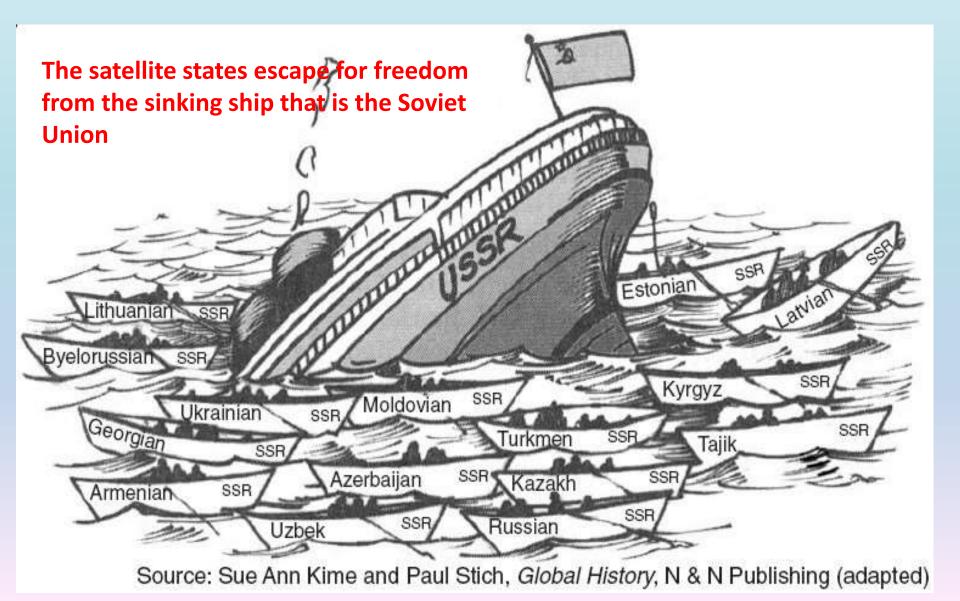




#### Fall of Communism

- Fall of Communism led to Independence & Instability
  - ethnic loyalties very important
  - Led to civil wars, which created instability in the region
- Many European nations which had been part of the Soviet Union regained their independence (Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus).
- Czechoslovakia peacefully separated into the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1993.
- The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia fell apart, creating new nations in 1992: Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia. Serbia and Montenegro was created in 2006!!!

#### Explain this cartoon!



#### Eastern Europe is Culturally Diverse!

- Multiple Languages & Religions
  - -Result: Many different ethnic groups of people all living in the same place = ethnic conflict



#### Folk Art

- Artwork produced by rural people, not professional artists
  - Woodcarving, pottery, embroidered costumes
- Influenced by religion & rural customs



