

# Guided Reading Activity



## Eastern Europe and Western Russia

### Lesson 3 *Life in Eastern Europe and Western Russia*

**Essential Question:** How does geography influence the way people live?

#### People and Places

**Directions:** Use your textbook to help you fill in the blanks with information about the people and places that make up Eastern Europe and Western Russia.

1. Russia has faced big challenges since the fall of the USSR, such as \_\_\_\_\_, or the rise in prices for goods and services.
2. When ownership of industry was transferred from the government to private people, wealthy individuals with connections to the government benefitted the most. People call these new owners \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ became president of Russia after Boris Yeltsin resigned. He helped to stabilize \_\_\_\_\_'s economy, but he also dealt harshly with anyone who opposed him.
4. The capital cities of Eastern Europe include \_\_\_\_\_, Russia; \_\_\_\_\_, Ukraine; \_\_\_\_\_, Belarus; \_\_\_\_\_, Hungary; \_\_\_\_\_, Poland; and \_\_\_\_\_, the Czech Republic.
5. Eastern Europe's urban population makes up a \_\_\_\_\_ part of its total population than the other parts of Europe.

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### People and Cultures

**Directions:** Complete the table by filling in one interesting fact for each category related to culture and daily life in Eastern Europe and Western Russia.

<b>Ethnic and Language Groups</b>	
<b>Religion</b>	
<b>Arts</b>	
<b>Daily Life</b>	

### Issues in Eastern Europe and Western Russia

**Directions:** Use your textbook to explain what Russia and countries in Eastern Europe are doing to address each of the following issues.

1. Unemployment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Connections between Europe and Asia: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ongoing boundary disputes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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