

Worksheet Answer Key

Guided Reading Activity-Lesson 3

Eastern Europe and Western Russia

People and Places

1. inflation
2. oligarchs
3. Vladimir Putin Russia
4. Moscow Kiev Minsk Budapest Warsaw Prague
5. smaller

People and Cultures

	The people of Albania are a distinct ethnic group that speaks the last surviving language of an entire Indo-European language group.
	In Eastern European countries, including Latvia, the Czech Republic, and Estonia a large percentage of the population does not practice any religion. This is because Communist governments, which controlled these countries during a good part of the later 1900s strongly discouraged the practice of religion.
	The Czech writer Karel Capek coined the word “robot” for a play he wrote in 1921.
	A huge generation gap exists between older people who grew up under strict communist governments and younger people who have no memory of that era and are strongly influenced by western culture.

Issues in Eastern Europe and Western Russia

1. Countries like the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, and Romania have joined the European Union. Membership in the EU helps to protect employment, improve conditions for workers, and create a strong trading bloc.
2. Russian culture is a mix of European and Asian influences.
3. Russia is still trying to resolve boundary disputes with countries that were formerly Soviet republics, such as Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan.