

Chapter 12 Homework



Read Chapter 12 (pages 260 - 281). Answer these questions on notebook paper. Your answers MUST come from the book, unless the instructions tell you to look online.

1. Look at the map on page 261 in the book. List the names of each country in the Eastern European region. List them alphabetically.
2. What is the name of the mountain range that runs through the central area of Eastern Europe?
3. What geographic feature makes Ukraine a good area for agriculture? (The book calls it a “breadbasket”.)
4. The book says that Slovenia has Karst topography. So does New Braunfels.
 - a. Look online for a definition of “Karst topography”.
 - b. Look online for an explanation of how Karst topography is formed.
5. List the names of the three prominent seas around Eastern Europe.
6. What is the most important river in this region?
7. Go online and find five different uses of the Danube River.
8. Watch this video of Slovenia and answer the questions.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8DIXa_933Y
 - a. What’s the symbolism behind the Triple Bridge?
 - b. What kind of boats are allowed on Lake Bled?
 - c. What happened to Marshall Tito’s house after he died?
 - d. What is inside the Skocjan Caves?
9. For your listening pleasure, here’s a video of The Blue Danube Waltz with video clips from the actual river. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aaq5j1dgPk>
10. According to the book, what is Eastern Europe’s most valuable resource?
11. Go online and find the definition of “arable”.
12. List seven crops that are grown in this area.
13. List five resources that are not agricultural crops.
14. World War II was started in this area. What happened that started the war?
15. After World War II, the region was conquered by a different country. What country took over this area by 1945?
16. What Polish group was responsible for leading the way towards ending communism in this region? Who was the leader of this group?
17. In the 1930’s, Joseph Stalin was the leader of the Soviet Union. He created a policy called Holodomor.
 - a. Why did he do this?
 - b. What was “Holodomor”?
 - c. How many people died?
18. Describe the political struggles in Ukraine from 1991 – 2014.

19. What caused civil war in the Balkans in the 1990's?
20. What is "ethnic cleansing"?
21. Explain two ways that former Communist countries successfully switched to market-driven economies.
22. Why is the population of Eastern Europe declining?
23. Explain the differences between Western Slavs and Eastern & Southern Slavs.
24. This is a video of Slavic dances. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfaEQq4EAyA> Describe the dances, the music, and/or costumes of the dancers.
25. Why is water pollution a problem in this region?
26. Compare air pollution levels in Western Europe to levels in Eastern Europe.
27. How did soil in Moldova and Ukraine become contaminated?
28. The "single worst environmental disaster in history" happened on April 26, 1986.
 - a. Describe what went wrong.
 - b. How long will the exclusion area around it be unsafe for permanent habitation?
 - c. What did the Soviets do to prevent leakage from the site? Was this an effective solution?
 - d. What did the French do to prevent leakage?
 - e. Read this online article about fungus: <https://www.sciencealert.com/chernobyl-fungus-appears-to-have-evolved-an-incredible-ability> How have the fungus adapted to their environment (what can they do now that they used to not do)?