

EASTERN EUROPE

- I. In the Soviet Orbit
 - a. Communist parties in Eastern Europe end all dissent
 - b. Were forced to provide natural resources, and military support to Soviets
 - c. Unrest and Repression
 - i. Hungary
 - 1. 1956 – Imre Nagy gained power
 - 2. ended one party rule, withdrew from Warsaw Pact, expel Soviet troops
 - 3. Khrushchev sent in troops to put down revolt
 - 4. Hungary wanted help from west, but west didn't help
 - ii. Czechoslovakia
 - 1. Alexander Dubcek introduced liberal reforms
 - 2. Khrushchev sent in troops to force Dubcek out of power
 - iii. Yugoslavia
 - 1. Josip Tito establish communist dictatorship
 - 2. remained independent from USSR and neutral in Cold War
- II. Poland
 - a. Solidarity
 - i. Lech Walesa
 - 1. led strikes in Gdansk
 - 2. created independent trade union – Solidarity
 - 3. union outlawed, but Walesa becomes a national hero
 - b. Peaceful Transition
 - i. Series of liberal reforms following Gorbachev's lead
 - ii. 1989 Walesa elected president of Poland
 - iii. marked beginning of end of Soviet influence
- III. Revolution and Freedom
 - a. 1989 – democracy movement swept Eastern Europe
 - b. most were peaceful transitions
 - c. New Struggles
 - i. Difficult time establishing market economies
 - ii. Start radical economic reforms to get western investment
 - iii. Many social programs of communism were ended
 - 1. some felt old way was better
 - d. Return to Europe
 - i. Eastern European nations move to EU and NATO
 - e. Ethnic Tensions
 - i. Minority groups in some areas demand independence
 - 1. Czechoslovakia split into two nations
- IV. War Comes to Sarajevo
 - a. Breakup of Yugoslavia
 - i. Croats – Catholic, Serbs – Orthodox Christians and Muslims
 - ii. Tito had held them together
 - iii. Slobodan Milosevic – create ethnic tension between groups

- iv. Croats create Croatia and Slovenia
 - v. Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - vi. Yugoslavia was Serbia and Montenegro
 - b. Bosnia
 - i. Bosnians were mostly Muslim but had large Serb and Croat populations
 - ii. Serbs practice ethnic cleansing – eliminate other ethnic groups
- V. Dayton Accords
 - a. NATO sent to Bosnia to keep peace