

## Ch. 12:4 Eastern Europe

### Poland:

1. Benefit and hindrance of lowland plain

Benefit = fertile land, many people live there

~~Benefit~~ hindrance = easy to invade many times in history

2. History and command economy (cause and effect of this system)

Cause: after World War II (1940's)

Effect: The government wanted heavy industries + military goods. Very few consumer goods made; few shortages;

3. Impact of Solidarity on present day market economy

In early 1980's workers/farmers formed a labor group (Solidarity) that supported peaceful democratic change. Free elections and ~~the~~ a democratic government was the impact. Communism was also replaced by a market economy. } people dissatisfied

### Belarus/Baltic:

1. Commonality connecting these countries

They were part of the Soviet Union.

2. differences in these countries – economic production

Belarus – has government-controlled farms

Baltic – has dairy farming, beef production, fishing, + ship-building

3. differences in these countries – economic outlook

Estonia has the highest average income

### Czech Republic/Slovakia/Hungary:

1. Steps to unification and separation of Czech Rep and Slovakia

They were unified after World War I, but separated in 1993 after ongoing disagreements.

2. Positive and negative aspects of industry in Czech Republic

Positive: Their factories produce machinery, vehicles, Metals, and textiles

Negative: Smoke from factories cause acid rain and environmental problems

3. 2 major differences between Czech Rep and Slovakia

Slovakia is less industrial, but have more devout Catholics