Regions of Europe





West vs East Europe

Due to historical and philosophical differences Europe has been divided into West vs East...this "division" has dictated the world's cultural, historical and economic trends. This separation can still be seen today.





Western Europe

- Historically "democratic" (People Vote)
- Close ties to the US & UK
- Basically stable since WWII (1940s)
- Higher income/economic levels
- In general Life is "Better"...closer to American standards



















Eastern Europe

- Historically "communist" (gov' t runs all aspects of life)
- Close ties/gov' t run by...Soviets/Russia
- Today...moving towards Democracy (this is a struggle...hardtimes)
- 1990s...decade of the power shift in Eastern Europe Gov't. (fall of USSR)
- Lags behind West in all aspects of life...ex/ economy/technology/etc











