

Cultures of Europe
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1. The Cultures of Western Europe

a. Growth in Industry

- i. Prosperity based on industry, consumerism
- ii. 200 years ago, most worked in agriculture
- iii. Machinery developed, fewer workers on the farm needed, Industrial Revolution began
 1. Growth of cities, **urbanization**
- iv. Today - work in factories or service (banks, education, health care)

b. Immigration and Culture

- i. 1800s and early 1900s, millions left Europe to US, Canada, South America
- ii. Since WWII, direction of human movement changed
 1. Western Europeans no longer leaving homeland (staying put)
 2. People moved from Eastern Europe, North Africa, Asia, Middle East
 - a. Brought languages, religious beliefs, values, customs
 - b. **Multicultural** society (a country's way of life is influenced by many different cultures)

c. The Influence of the European Union

- i. Most countries small and close together
 1. High speed trains make travel easy, raw materials, ideas travel quickly as well
 2. Open exchange of goods and ideas help make Western Europe prosperous
- ii. Before WWII, borders closed, hard to move
- iii. European Union (EU) works to expand trade by ending tariffs = 6x more trade

2. Cultures of Eastern Europe