

# Map Activity

- Turn book to page 258 and fill out map in your ISN with E. European Countries.



# Objectives

- Know physical geography and environmental challenges in E. Europe.

# Bell Activity: Page 61

Think about the story you read on page 258-261 of *Serhiy's Leap*. What did the land look like around his home. What kinds of crops did his family and neighbors grow? Think about the land around Boise. Could farmers grow the same kinds of crops? Why or why not?

# Physical Geography of E. Europe

- Physical features include tall mountains and broad, flat plains.
- Many physical features of the northern section of E. Europe were formed by an ice age long ago.
- Ice Age: time of low temperatures where most of the land is covered in deep ice.

- The most mountainous region of E. Europe includes the Balkan Peninsula.
- The Balkan peninsula juts into the Mediterranean Sea in the south.



- Balkan Mountains and Dinaric Alps are two mountain ranges that cover a majority of the S. part of E. Europe.





- Middle of E. Europe  
Mountain Ranges:  
Carpathian Mountains  
begin at the Danube  
River in Slovakia.
- Arch NE and bend back  
toward the Danube  
River, joining  
Transylvanian Alps to S.



# Hungarian Plain

Lies between the Balkan Mountains in the south and the Carpathian Mountains.





# Climate and Agriculture

- Climate varies across E. Europe.
- Northern: Winters are very harsh and summers are mild. Growing season is short.
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# Mechanized Farming

- Farming with machines.
- Primarily over flat land.
- Wheat and Rye are large crops because they are suited to cooler climates and easy to harvest with machines.
- NE Europe farms are large and smaller in the south due to the mountains in the south.
- Citrus fruits, olives and grapes grow best in the warm south.