**Eastern Europe Vocabulary**

**Communism – a system of government in which the government controls the means of production, determining what goods will be made, how much workers will be paid, and how much items will cost\***

**Eurasia – the name some geographers suggest should be used for the landmass of Europe and Asia\***

**Inland sea – a sea that is almost completely surrounded by land\***

**Tundra – a region where temperatures are always cool or cold and only specialized plants can grow\***

**Taiga – thinly scattered, coniferous forests found in Europe and Asia\***

**Steppe – a temperate grassland found in Europe and Asia\***

**Acid rain – rain with high concentrations of chemicals, usually from industrial pollution, pollutes water, kills plants and animal life, and eats away at the surface of stone and rock\***

**Ghetto – a section of a city in which a particular minority group is forced to live\***

**Holocaust – the execution of 6 million Jews in Nazi concentration camps during World War II\***

**Velvet revolution – a revolution without bloodshed, which took place in Czechoslovakia during the late 1980’s\***

**Collective farms – a government-owned farm managed by workers who share the profits from their produce\***

**Multiplier effect – the effect an investment has in multiplying related jobs throughout the economy\***

**Annexed – to formally incorporate into a country or state the territory of another\***

**Glasnost – A policy of openness introduced in the Soviet Union in the late 1980s\***

**Perestroika – In the former soviet Union, a policy of economic restructuring\***