



# Today's Issues in Europe

Today, Europe faces the issues previewed here. As you read Chapters 12 and 13, you will learn helpful background information. You will study the issues themselves in Chapter 14.

In a small group, answer the questions below. Then participate in a class discussion of your answers.

### Exploring the Issues

- 1. CONFLICT** Search a print or online newspaper for articles about ethnic or religious conflicts in Europe today. What do these conflicts have in common? How are they different?
- 2. POLLUTION** Make a list of possible pollution problems faced by Europe and those faced by the United States. How are these problems similar? Different?
- 3. UNIFICATION** To help you understand the issues involved in unifying Europe, compare Europe to the United States. Imagine what might occur if each U.S. state were its own country. List five problems that might result.

### CONFLICT



### How can people resolve their differences?

In central Bosnia, a child stands near the ruins of a Muslim mosque. Bosnian Croats destroyed the mosque during an “ethnic cleansing” campaign to drive out Muslims during the 1992-1995 Bosnian war.

For more on these issues in Europe . . .



## POLLUTION



## How can Europeans clean up their environment?

On February 13, 2000, cyanide-polluted water from a Romanian mine reached Hungary. The cyanide killed thousands of fish, some of which are shown here washed up on the banks of the Tisza River.

## CASE STUDY

### Will there be a United States of Europe?

Over the centuries, wars and conflicts have ravaged Europe, but since 1950, Europe's nations have begun working together. As the new century begins, economics may be the key to uniting Europe.

## UNIFICATION

