The Balkans: Between Europe and the Middle East

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Warm-ups

• Macedonian song “Jovano, Jovanke”
  – What do you notice about the…?
    • Melody
    • Rhythm (Count how many beats per measure.)
    • Sounds of the language
    • Instruments

• Picture books of the Balkans:
  – What do you notice about the…?
    • Appearance of the land
    • Architecture
The Ottoman Empire in 1795

Justin McCarthy,
The Map Project, MESA
The Balkan Region

Groups comprising 50% or more of the population of a given area

- Albanians
- Muslims
- Bulgarians
- Romanians
- Croats
- Serbs
- Hungarians
- Macedonians
- Turks
- Montenegrins
- No majority presence

Shown in boldface type are smaller concentrations of the above groups or other significant groups that may not comprise a majority. Small groups that are not shown include Sorbs, Ruthenians, Gypsies, Vlachs, Jews, and Pomaks.

CIA map, www.makedonija.info/CIA_Balkans.jpg
Meteora, Greek Orthodox monastery “suspended in the air”
Graćanica, a 14th century Serbian Orthodox monastery in Kosovo

http://www.kosovo.net
Queen Simonida, wife of King Milutin, one of the ‘saints.’ Note that the eyes were gouged out due to Muslim outrage at ‘idols’ in the Christian Churches.

http://www.srpska-mreza.com
Fethija Mosque in Bihać, Bosnia. A Gothic church converted into a mosque.
Former Jewish quarter on the island of Rhodes
Interior of Jewish synagogue on the island of Rhodes
Gazi Husrev Beg Mosque in Sarajevo, Bosnia
Prizren, Kosovo – mosque with a church in the background

http://homepage.ntlworld.com/wandering/DIARY/Kosovo
Muslim tombstone (note the turban) in Sarajevo, Bosnia
Kameniot Most (Stone Bridge), Skopje, Macedonia
Bridge in Mostar, Bosnia (destroyed in the 1990s civil war)

http://www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/sciences/engineeringtech/sad/images/MostarBridge.jpg
Famous “Bridge on the Drina,” Višegrad, Bosnia
Ђ (DŽ in Latin alphabet)

ђамија = mosque
ђезве = coffee maker for Turkish coffee
Continuing linguistic influence: = šahid (шахид)

In the Iran-Iraq War, Iranians used this term a lot (meaning a martyr in a religious war). Today, Bosnian Muslims use the term to mean someone who died fighting on the Muslim side in the Bosnian civil war (1990s).
Baščaršija, Traditional Market in Sarajevo, Bosnia

http://www.stoessel.ch/images/europe/sarajevo_bascarsija.jpg
Copper crafts of Kazandžiluk, Sarajevo, Bosnia

Yugoslavia,
Published by Mladinska Knjiga
Bosnian Muslim home in Mostar

Review, Yugoslav Monthly Magazine, 1969
Differing Styles of Dress – Ethnic Albanian Women of Kosovo
Albanian women farm workers.
(Notice that one has a headscarf; the other does not.)
Bosnian Muslim women praying
Bosnian War (1990s) – military patches for Muslim forces

http://www.tridentmilitary.com/World-Militaria/Bosnia.html
Questions or comments?

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