

UKRAINE, BELARUS & MOLDOVA

Historical Facts & Maps

600 AD - The Slavs settle the area.

800AD— invaded by Scandinavian Vikings, the center became the city of Kiev along the Dnieper River.

900AD— Ukrainian people drive out the Vikings; become EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS.

1300AD—began centuries of FOREIGN OCCUPATION (invaders from another nation conquer and control).

1920's - Ukraine, like most Eastern European nations, was forced to join the SOVI-

- First came the MONGOLS, next came the LITHUANIANS & POLES, then came the RUSSIANS.

ET UNION.

1930's— JOSEPH STALIN, the Russian Dictator, enforced a Command Economy. The result was a FAMINE (many starve from a lack of food) in 1931 & 1932. Millions of Ukrainians starved to death.

1940-1945—WORLD WAR II - Millions more died during the German invasion.

1991—The collapse of the Soviet Union meant that Ukraine was a free nation once again.

1992—Ukraine & Moldova became DEMOCRACIES (the people choose their rulers) but have struggled with political freedom. Many communists still remain active in politics.

2013—Belarus remains a Communist nations with a Command Economy.