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- The Cold War and its ending
- Post-Soviet central and eastern Europe
- Europe's relations with the wider world
- Immigration in Europe
- Ethnic conflict in the last two centuries

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