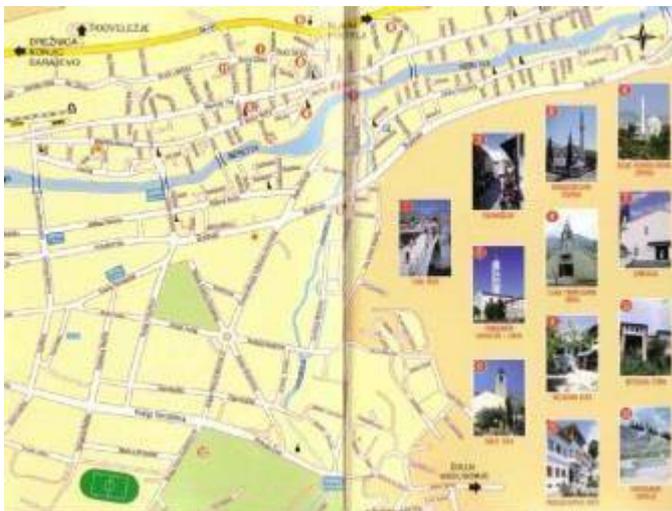# RESOURCE 12

Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Austrian-era postcard revealing Mostar's multiculturalism through depictions of important Muslim and Christian architecture, c.1900

Source: IKC Mostar, found in [*Postwar images and Identities of Mostar*](#)*, Emily Makas*

Mostar with Surroundings, 2006: Contemporary tourist guidebook map of Mostar demonstrating the continued use of monumental architectural sites representing different faiths (Muslim, Orthodox and Catholic Christian, and Jewish) to present a multicultural image of the city

Source: SrpskaKnjižarnidža B.M. Radovina, Mostar, found in [*Postwar images and Identities of Mostar*](#)*, Emily Makas*

Austro-Hungarian Empire

World War One postcard in the nine languages of the Austro-Hungarian Empire that was sent by soldiers to inform loved ones they were still alive
In the nine languages it reads:
"I am healthy and I am well."
"It is forbidden to add other text to this postcard."

Source: Military Museum, Budapest, Hungary

Consisting of many different nationalities, the Austro-Hungarian Empire (1867-1918) was a political entity that was ultimately replaced by new nation states in the early 20th century. What kinds of cultural and ethnic diversity are evident in the three images above?

Soviet Union

Soviet propaganda poster by B. Bilotlskii titled "S.R.S.R." (Youth in the Struggle for the Cause of Lenin)

In the former Soviet Union, propaganda was used to give the idea of a federation of all nationalities within a common Soviet identity. This poster illustrates youthful citizens of the Soviet Union from many ethnicities.

Source: Corbis

- What message is this poster trying to convey?
- Do you think a political regime can create a new identity for a state and make a whole population adhere to it?

Alsace

Témoignage de Robert Loos sur l'identité alsacienne

Source: Institut National de l'Audiovisuel (Ina), France
http://www.ina.fr/video/I00012267/temoignage-de-robert-loos-sur-l-identite-alsacienne-video.html

Alsace is a region at the heart of Europe located between France and Germany. It has had a turbulent and often tragic history as a result of its strategic position between these powerful nations. Alsatians have changed nationality four times over the past 150 years.

Watch the video clip of an elderly man speaking about the history of Alsace and consider how successive changes have affected people's lives and sense of belonging.