

# UKRAINE



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# FORWARD

I chose to do my report on Ukraine because of my family ties to the country. My great grandparents (Bubba, Geito) on my father's side were born in Kiev, Ukraine and my great grandfather on my mother's side was born in Kiev, Ukraine.

I love the colors of the country in which the people wear in their traditional clothing. I love the dancing. I really love the food.

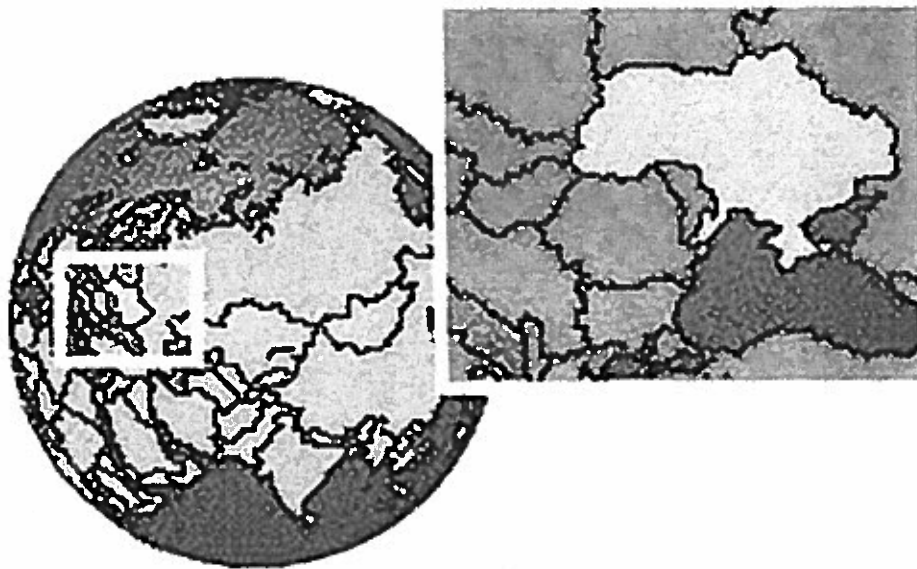
I would like to visit Ukraine one day and maybe connect with some relatives. We had made connections with cousins that live in Ukraine today with facebook; we love to look at their profile page because it is in Ukrainian.



## LOCATION

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe. Ukraine borders the Russian Federation to the east and northeast, Belarus to the northwest, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary to the west, Romania and Moldova to the southwest. The Black Sea and the Sea of Azov are located to the south and southeast.

Ukraine has an area of 603,628km<sup>2</sup>, making it the second largest country on the European continent, after Russian Federation.



# PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

Ukraine is the world's 44<sup>th</sup> largest country. The size of Ukraine is 603,700km<sup>2</sup>. Ukraine has a coast line of 2,782km. Ukraine lies between latitudes 44° and 53° N, and longitudes 22° and 41° E.

Ukrainian landscape consists mostly of fertile plains (steppes) and plateaus. Mountains are found only in the west (Carpathian Mountains) and in the extreme south (the Crimean Mountains.) Major bodies of water in Ukraine are Black Sea, Dneiper River, Seversky Donets, Dniester and Southern Buh. The highest elevation is Hora Hoverla at 2,061m. The lowest elevation is Black Sea at 0m.



# CLIMATE

Ukraine has a relatively moderate climate. The climate is influenced by the humid air from the Atlantic Ocean. The Crimean coast has a humid climate. Precipitation is highest in the west and north and lowest in the east and southeast. June and July are usually the wettest months, while February is usually the driest.

Winters vary from cool along the Black Sea to colder the more further inland you go. Summers are warm across the most of the country and hot in the southern part of the country.



# POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

The country of Ukraine consists of 24 provinces (oblasts); Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi, Dnipropetrovs'k, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Kiev, Kirovohrad, Luhansk, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Oddessa, Pooltava, Rivne, Sumy, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, Zakarpattia, Zaporizhia, Zhytomry, and one republic; Crimea. The capital city of Ukraine is Kiev (Kyiv.)

This map shows the 24 provinces and state boundaries.



## POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY CONT.

Ukraine used to be named Ukrainian National Republic. Ukraine used to be a part of the Soviet Union. It proclaimed its independence on August 24, 1991 and adopted a constitution on June 28, 1996.

The country of Ukraine is governed by a President (Viktor Yanukovych) who is elected by popular vote for a five year term. Ukraine's legislative branch includes the 450 seat parliament. I thought President Yanukovych would look mean and grump – a hippy kinda of a dude but he doesn't. He looks professional.

Local councils and city mayors are elected and have control over how their budgets are spent.

Ukraine has a lot of political parties, but many are small groups and are not known by the general public.



## FLAG

The Ukrainian flag was adopted in 1918. It can be described as two equal horizontal bands of azure (top) and golden yellow (bottom.) The colors represent grain fields under a blue sky. See flag of Ukraine on next page.

The national symbol for Ukraine is a trident (tryzub.)



The national anthem for Ukraine is "Schene vmerla Ukraina" which means Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished)

**Ukraine**

# POPULATION

Ukraine has a population of 44,854,065 as of July 2012 est. The major ethnic groups in Ukraine consist of Ukrainian at 77.8%, Russian at 17.3%, Belarusian at 0.6%, Moldovian at 0.5%, Crimean Tatars at 0.5%, Bulgarians at 0.4%, Hungarians at 0.3%, Romanians at 0.3%, Poles at 0.3%, Jews at 0.2%, Armenians at 0.2%, Greeks at 0.2% and Tatars at 0.2%. The majority of the population, 69%, lives in urban areas and the industrial regions of the east and southeast are the most populated. 31% of the population lives in rural areas.

The country has been in a crisis over its demographics because of its high death rate and a low birth rate. The population is shrinking by over 150,000 a year.

# LANGUAGES

The state language of Ukraine is Ukrainian. In the 2001 census, 67.5% of the population declared Ukrainian as their native language and 29.6 percent declared Russian. Most native Ukrainian speakers know Russian as a second language. Russian is primarily spoken in the cities and Ukrainian is spoken in the rural areas. Other languages spoken in Ukraine are Russian, Romanian, Polish, and Hungarian.

On the following page is the Ukrainian alphabet and symbols. Below are examples of Ukrainian words and meanings.

Ukrainian Word	Meaning
Dob-ryden	Good day
Dob-ryra-nok	Good morning
Dob-ryvechir	Good evening
Pry-vit	Hi
Yak-spra-vy	How are you?
Zola-ny	Green
Buz-ko-vy	Purple
Dobleratavry	I'm fine and you
Dy-van	Couch
Lish-ko	Bed
Stil	Table
Uni-taz	Toilet
Tort	Cake
Med	Honey
Mo-ro-zy-vo	Ice cream
Sry	Cheese

Letters and symbols of the Ukrainian alphabet

ht	Uprig	Italic	Trans	Name	Pronunciat ion	Notes
	<u>А</u> а	<i>А</i> а	a	а /a/	/a/	
	<u>Б</u> б	<i>Б</i> б	b	бе /be/	/b/	
	<u>В</u> в	<i>В</i> в	w	ве /we/	/w <sup>a</sup> /	
	<u>Г</u> г	<i>Г</i> г	h	ге /he/	/h/	
	<u>Ґ</u> ґ	<i>Ґ</i> ґ	g	ге /ge/	/g/	[1]
	<u>Д</u> д	<i>Д</i> д	d	де /de/	/d/, /dʲ/	
	<u>Е</u> е	<i>Е</i> е	e	е /e/	/e/	
	<u>Є</u> є	<i>Є</i> є	ye	є /je/	/je/ or /ʲe/	
	<u>Ж</u> ж	<i>Ж</i> ж	zh	же /ze/	/z/	
	<u>З</u> з	<i>З</i> з	z	зе /ze/	/z/, /zʲ/	
	<u>И</u> и	<i>И</i> и	y	и /i/	/i/	
	<u>І</u> і	<i>І</i> і	i	і /i/	/i/, /iʲ/	
	<u>Ї</u> ї	<i>Ї</i> ї	yi	ї /ji/	/ji/	
	<u>Й</u> й	<i>Й</i> й	j	йот /jot/, й /ij/	/j/	
	<u>К</u> к	<i>К</i> к	k	ка /ka/	/k/	
	<u>Л</u> л	<i>Л</i> л	l	ел /el/	/l/, /lʲ/	
	<u>М</u> м	<i>М</i> м	m	ем /em/	/m/	
	<u>Н</u> н	<i>Н</i> н	n	ен /en/	/n/, /nʲ/	
	<u>О</u> о	<i>О</i> о	o	о /o/	/o/	
	<u>П</u> п	<i>П</i> п	p	пе /pe/	/p/	
	<u>Р</u> р	<i>Р</i> р	r	ер /er/	/r/, /rʲ/	
	<u>С</u> с	<i>С</i> с	s	ес /es/	/s/, /sʲ/	
	<u>Т</u> т	<i>Т</i> т	t	те /te/	/t/, /tʲ/	
	<u>У</u> у	<i>У</i> у	u	у /u/	/u/	
	<u>Ф</u> ф	<i>Ф</i> ф	f	еф /ef/	/f/	
	<u>Х</u> х	<i>Х</i> х	kh	ха /xa/	/x/	
	<u>Ц</u> ц	<i>Ц</i> ц	ts	це /tse/	/ts/, /tsʲ/	
	<u>Ч</u> ч	<i>Ч</i> ч	ch	че /tʃe/	/tʃ/	
	<u>Ш</u> ш	<i>Ш</i> ш	sh	ша /ʃa/	/ʃ/	
	<u>Щ</u> щ	<i>Щ</i> щ	shch	ща /ʃtʃa/	/ʃtʃ/	
	<u>Ь</u> ь	<i>Ь</i> ь	'	м'який знак /mja'kij 'znak/	/oi/	soft sign [2]
	<u>Ю</u> ю	<i>Ю</i> ю	yu	ю /ju/	/ju/ or /ʲu/	
	<u>Я</u> я	<i>Я</i> я	ya	я /ja/	/ja/ or /ʲa/	
	<u>'</u>			апостроф /a'pɔstrɔf/	[j]	apostrophe [3]

# FOOD AND DRINK

Ukrainian food is known world-wide and a favorite to many. Below is a list of various foods and drinks. My favorites are borscht, kutia and mushroom cream sauce.

- Borscht – a vegetable soup made of beets, cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, onion, garlic, dill and meat. There are over 30 varieties)
- Paska – traditional rich Easter bread, it is decorated with typical Easter symbols such as roses or crosses.
- Perogy – cabbage rolls, duck, fish and potatoe pancakes are some of the main courses in Ukraine.
- Kutia – is a traditional Christmas dish made of wheat, honey and poppy seeds.
- Beverages that are popular in Ukraine are infused vodka, beer, wine and mead.
- Kompot, uzvar, kvas, kefire, strongly carbonated mineral water are also favorites of the nation



# LEISURE

The people of Ukraine spend their leisure time by spending time playing or watching sporting events, cultural events or in cafes.

Popular sports are sport gyms, bowling, football, snowboarding, skiing and hiking.

Ukraine is home to many museums, galleries and theatres. (Lviv Opera and Ballet Theater is the third most beautiful theatre in Europe.

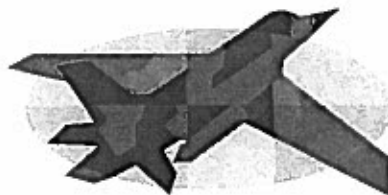


# ECONOMY

The currency used in Ukraine is called Hryvnia (UAH). I will bring in an example of currency from my great grandparents to show the class.

When Ukraine was under the Soviet ruling, its economy was very strong. After Ukraine separated from the Soviet, the economy fell badly and put the majority of the Ukrainian population into poverty. Day to day living for most was a struggle. Quite a few Ukrainians only survived because they grew their own food and often had to work two or more jobs. Today the economy has improved but is still not as good as Canada's.

Ukraine exports products to 140 countries of the world. It exports metals, metal products, engines, mechanical equipment, chemicals and vehicles. The items that are imported to Ukraine include mineral products, automobiles, transportation equipment, chemicals and textiles. It trades mostly with the Soviet Union.





# RELIGION

The most popular religion in Ukraine is Orthodox Christianity. The second most popular religion is Eastern Rite Ukrainian Greek Catholics. As of January 1, 2006 there were 30,500 registered religious organizations.

Ukrainian Christmas which is held on January 7 – 9 is celebrated with a “Holy Supper” on Christmas Eve. Carols are sung and Svyatyi Mykolai brings gifts for the children. New Year's Day is celebrated by Ded Moroz (similar to Santa Claus) being pulled in a horse drawn sleigh. New Year's lasts from January 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Easter is a very important religious holiday in Ukraine. Following a period of lent (a religious ritual), foods re prepared for Easter and the house is cleaned really well. A well-known item of Ukrainian Easter is the pysanky – raw eggs that have been carefully decorated.

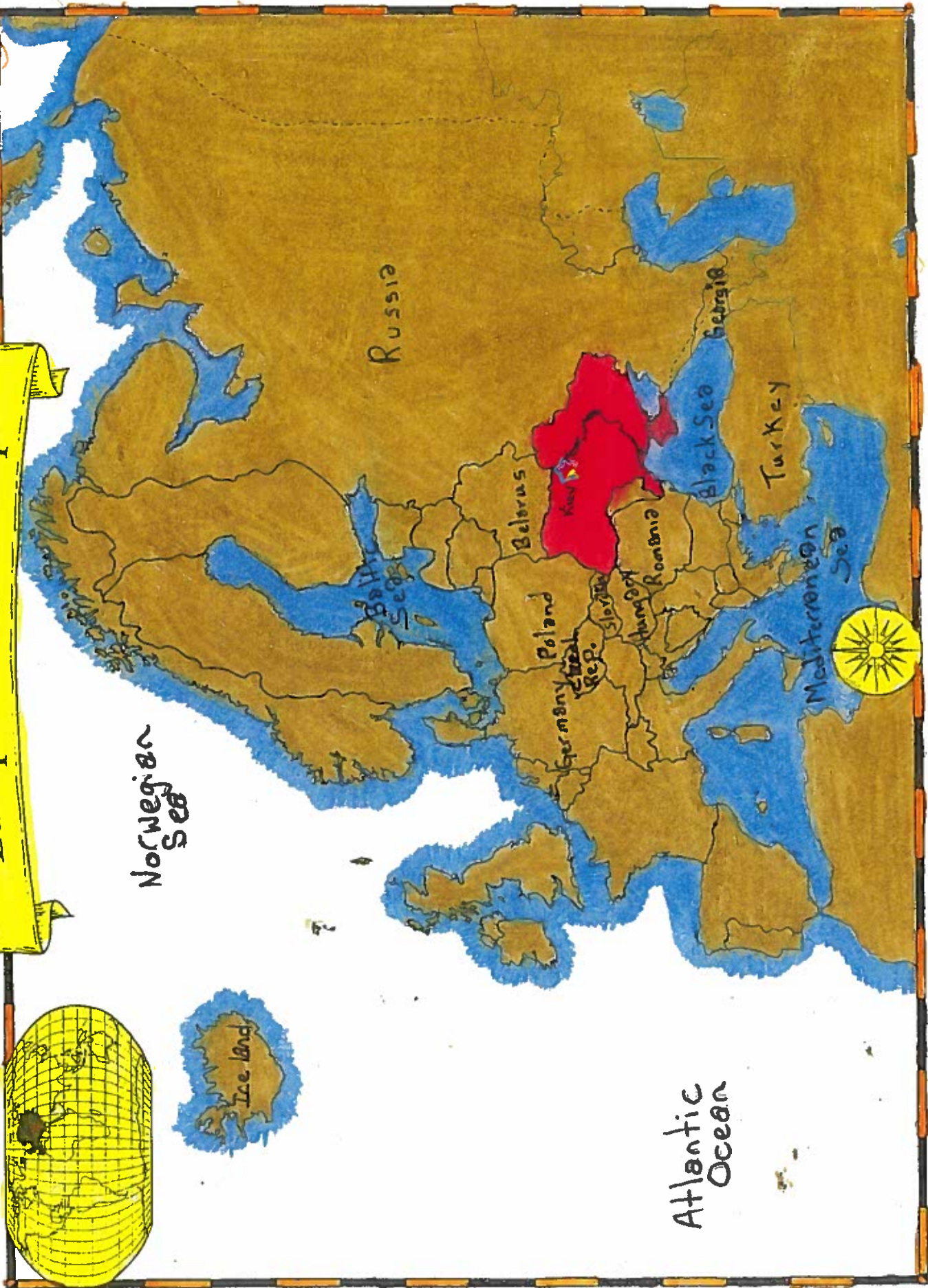


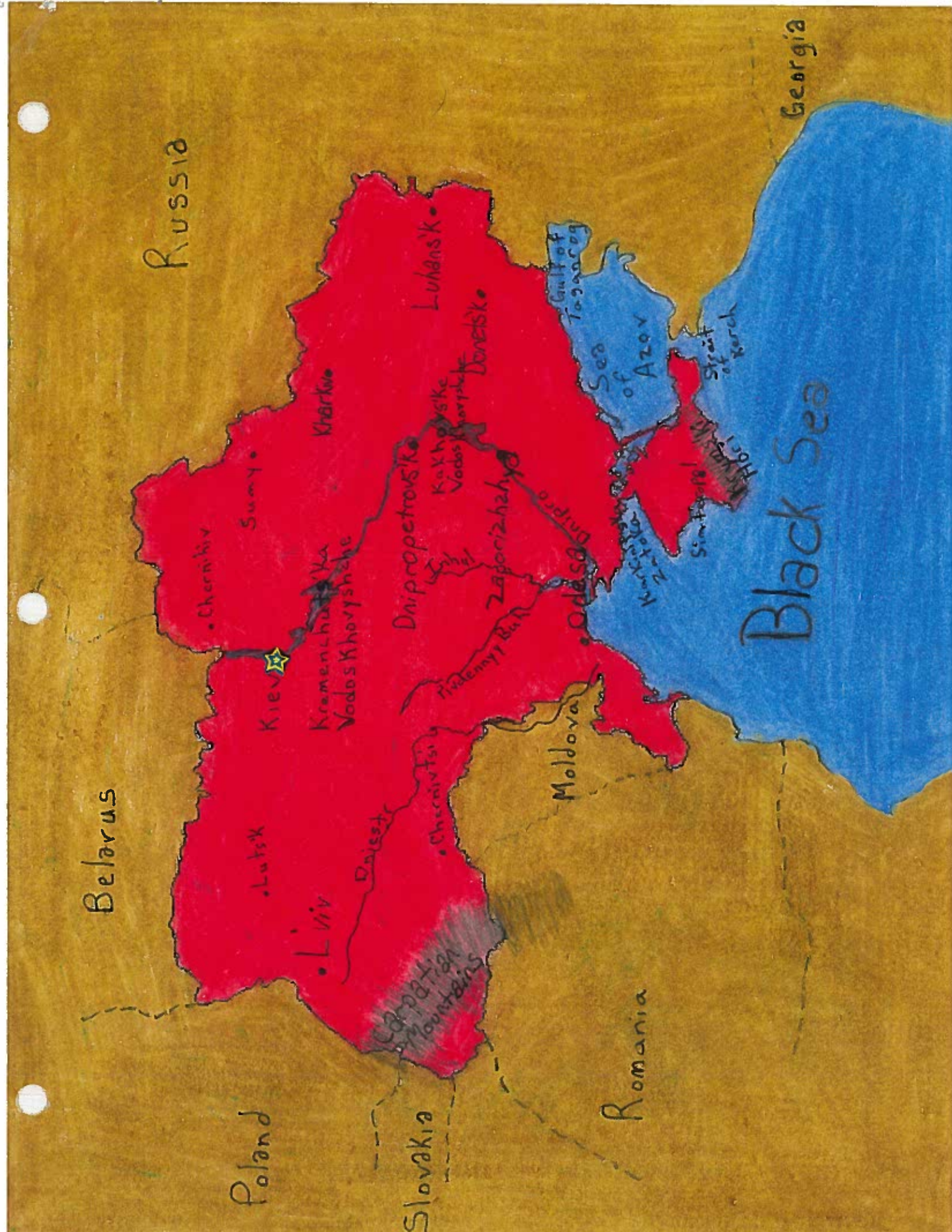
# MAPS

Map of Ukraine's continent

Map of Ukraine and neighbouring countries

# Europe: Political Map





Russia

Georgia

Belarus

Black Sea

Poland

Slovakia

Romania

Chernihiv  
Sumy  
Kharkiv  
Kremenchuk  
Vodos Khovyshe  
Kiev  
Lviv  
Lutsk  
Dniester  
Chernivtsi  
Dnieper  
Zaporizhzhya  
Hvalennyi Bur  
Moldova  
Odessa  
Kakhovske  
Vodos Khovyshe  
Donetsk  
Luhansk  
Simferopol  
Sevastopol  
Strait of Kerch  
Gulf of Tadjarog  
Crimea

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