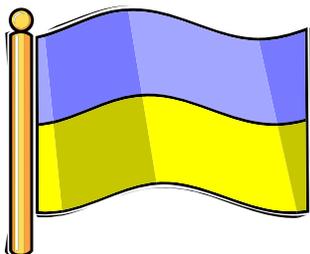


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Ukraine
Beyond Our Borders Series

Subject Areas: Geography, History, Social Studies, Architecture, Religion

Synopsis: A visit to historical cities and landmarks in the Ukraine reveals that, in spite of its vast size, this independent nation has been threatened throughout history by its larger Russian neighbor and other invaders. Surveys the historical treasures of the capital, Kiev, and visits other cultural sites such as Perchersk Monastery, medieval castles, vacation and historical sites in the Crimea, and the cultural capital, the heartland city of Lviv. Shows how the ancient and the modern intermingle in this country of rich agriculture, Orthodox religious traditions, and resilient people.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to describe the distinctive geographical regions of the Ukraine.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to recall that this fiercely independent nation has survived a turbulent history.
- Objective 3)** Students will be able to describe Ukrainian cultural icons and traditions, such as the Ukrainian Easter egg.

Vocabulary:

mystic, adaptable, enduring, Cossack, pretext, disintegrate, Bloshevik, domination, collectivization, engineered (created), naved, mosaics, cupolas, serfs, leanings, serfdom, piroshki, conspicuously, bondage, promenades, profane, ebbled, frescoes, undulating, iconostasis, icons, sacramental, leavened, orthodox, suppressed, religious persecution

Pre-Viewing Questions and Activities:

- 1) Where is the Ukraine located? What other European countries are its neighbors?
- 2) What Ukrainian Easter tradition is well known in the United States and Canada?
- 3) What images come to mind when you think of the Ukraine?
- 4) What is the climate of the Ukraine?
- 5) What kind of church do most Ukrainians attend? Have Ukrainians always been free to practice their religion?

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Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) What is the outstanding characteristic of Ukrainian culture and traditions?
- 2) How has the country been influenced by Communism? Has Communism affected the spirit of the Ukrainian people?
- 3) What part of the country is the traditional vacation spot? Why is this area so popular?
- 4) Who were the Cossacks? What historical sites date back to their era?
- 5) What types of churches are found throughout the Ukraine? Can you describe these in terms of their architectural style?
- 6) What part of the Ukraine would you like to visit? Why?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Investigate the special materials used to create the mosaics in St. Sophia.
- 2) Investigate the legends concerning the Saint Anthony and the Perchersk Monastery.
- 3) Find other examples of the artistic style known as Socialist Realism.
- 4) Discover the secrets of the recipes and baking methods used to create Ukrainian breads.
- 5) Discover the themes of songs sung by women choruses at Ukrainian weddings or during Ukrainian church services.

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