

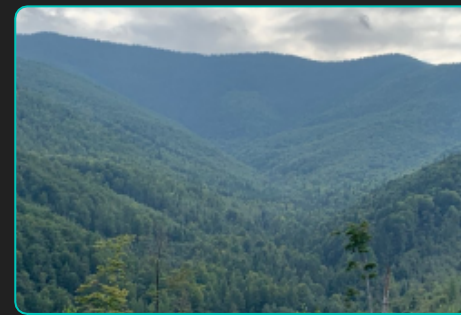
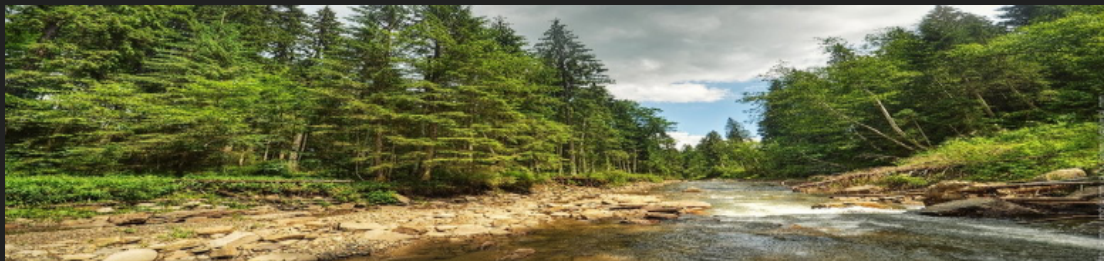
Ukraine

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7th period

Where is your country?

- Located in Far East Europe, Ukraine is just South of Belorussia and part of Russia. North of the Black Sea is Ukraine's shores.
- 14% of Ukraine is made up of forests, that's about 32,628.68 square miles! The equivalent of all of Indiana plus another Hamilton County covered in forests!
- 5% of Ukraine is covered in mountains, the main groups of mountains being the Crimean mountains in southern Ukraine and the Ukrainian Carpathian mountains which are located in the west. 5% of Ukraine's surface is like 29 Hamilton Counties!
- Ukraine experiences a lot of cloudless and sunny days each year, reaching up to around 230 days of beautiful weather each year! About a month and a half more the Fishers average of 183 sunny days a year.
- Another cool geographical fact about Ukraine is that a little less than 1/3 of it is covered in naturally growing plant life.



What are some interesting facts about its history?

- The Orange Revolution was a political protest centered around a rigged presidential election.
- Ukraine in attempt to gain freedom from Russia but ended up being part of the USSR around the time World War II started.
- In 1986 there was a big nuclear plant disaster at Chernobyl, making the land the plant was on a nuclear wasteland and it still is today.
- Ukraine won full independence from USSR in 1991.
- The University of Lviv was founded and built in 1661, needless to say it is the oldest school in Ukraine.





What are some interesting facts about its culture?

- Most Ukrainians wear their wedding bands/rings on the right hand, contradictory to how it is typically worn in the U.S.
- The tradition of “Easter eggs” can have its roots traced back to Ukraine. Made by using wax and dye these colorful eggs can be quite the masterpieces.
- Ukrainian lacework, embroidery, and weaving are used for traditional festivals for traditional folk dresses.
- The culture of Ukraine is heavily influenced by orthodox Christianity, hence the wedding band on the right hand.
- A traditional dish is kapusnyak, which is a soup with potatoes, onions, meat, cabbage, tomato paste, millet, fresh herbs and spices.



What do you like best about this country?

- I really like the forests, mountains and the lakes because I love nature.
- I like the fact that the culture is different and something new to me.
- I find the lace-making, embroidery and, weaving on the traditional folk clothing really cool because it is done by hand and, is so detailed!
- The food! I always love the sound of, ideas, looks, or descriptions of new foods especially from other countries, so many of them sound yummy or like something that I would love to try!
- I love the fact that it is sunny there for about 1/3 of the year! I love the sun and bright cloudless days!



How does Fishers Junior High benefit from having families from this country as a part of our school and community?

- Fishers junior high benefits from having families from Ukraine because it gives us a new perspective and creates a more diverse school. Growing up with a more diverse community and school will help children and adults alike respect people other than who is similar to them, culturally, religiously or ethnically. Citizens and students of FJH & of Fishers have a lot to learn from people from Ukraine. Being in the same community and school as people from Ukraine or any country teaches them new points of view, opens their eyes to different cultural practices or ideas, and also teaches them that people can be different and still human. Another thing you can learn from from people directly from Ukraine is the language! Learning a new language is beneficial in many, many ways and learning Ukrainian is helpful because by doing so it opens many pathways for the future and helps you connect with the family and any other Ukrainian speaking families!

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