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Russia is located to the east of the UK. Ukraine is located south-east of the UK, on the border of Russia.



The History Of Russia and Ukraine

- ▶ 8 years ago, Russia invaded a southern area of Ukraine, resulting in a war that has never formally been ended. To date, approximately 14,000 people have been killed and 1.5 million displaced, meaning this current conflict is a continuation of that previous invasion.
- ▶ One of the reasons this is occurring is due to the fact President Vladimir Putin wishes to prevent former countries under Soviet control (such as Ukraine and Romania) from joining NATO, a military alliance mainly in the west.
- ▶ Late in 2021 Russian troops were seen lining the boarder of Ukraine, hinting at invasion. Russia stated they were simply military exercises, while at the same time, they issued an ultimatum towards the west, demanding written confirmation against more eastern expansion by NATO.
- ▶ Whilst this was happening the Russian media was suggesting invasion by NATO or Ukraine to the Russians, installing fear throughout the country.
- ▶ On the 24th February 2022 Russia invaded Ukraine and it led to the position we are in today.

Impacts on people living in Ukraine

- An estimated 2.5 million people have already crossed international borders out of Ukraine and 1.9 million are displaced within Ukraine in an attempt to flee their homes for safety. Approximately 100 refugees are entering Poland every minute.
- Due to the crisis, critical infrastructure has been severely damaged, leaving the people still in Ukraine limited energy and water supplies. This worsens their situation as it can lead to people being unable to drink water or cook so it's harder for them to escape or fight back against the Russian troops.



- Most of the Ukrainians that have been able to flee so far have been women and children.
- There are 7.5 million children in Ukraine who have been forced into a humanitarian crisis and as a result of this conflict, 5.7 million of these have been forced to abandon education.
- On the 11th of March, Russian troops invaded the city of Kharkiv bombing 48 schools resulting in the death of 78 children.

This article shows the extreme measures Ukrainian children are being forced under in order to reach safety. A boy the same age as some of our Year 7's has had to seek refuge without his family or any belongings. This isn't a one-off situation, as it's happening to thousands of children all over Ukraine.

We shouldn't let these children have to fight alone. With your help we can make a difference.



The DEC

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

What is the DEC?

The Disasters Emergency Committee is an umbrella group of UK charities which coordinates and launches collective appeals to raise funds to provide emergency aid and rapid relief to people involved in disasters and humanitarian crises around the world

By donating just £1, you'll help DEC charities to provide food, water, shelter and also healthcare to refugees and displaced families

Your donations are saving lives



18 MILLION

people are projected to be affected by the escalating conflict in Ukraine

4 MILLION

people expected to be displaced as the fighting continues

At Ukraine's borders with Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova, huge numbers of people are arriving with only what they can carry.

DEC charities and their local partners are in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries providing food, water, shelter and medical assistance.



It is important to also remember other global conflicts and how we can support all people impacted and suffering because of conflict

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/mapped-where-are-the-worlds-ongoing-conflicts-today/>