

Russia-Ukraine War: Four Years On (February 24, 2026)

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i What? The commemoration of February 24, 2022, the date on which Russia invaded Ukraine. This day marks the beginning of a major conflict in Europe.

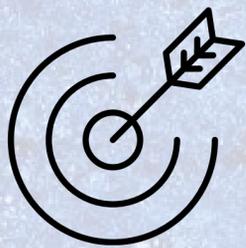
u Who? The Ukrainian people, Russian and Ukrainian leaders, and countries around the world that are monitoring the situation and supporting Ukraine.

g Where? Primarily in Ukraine, but also in several countries around the world where ceremonies and gatherings are held.

🕒 When? Every year on February 24, to mark the beginning of the conflict in 2022..

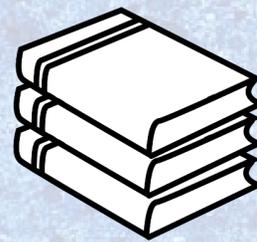
? Why is it important? Because this day allows us to remember those affected by the war and to reflect on the importance of peace and solidarity between nations.

🎯 For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Ukraine and Russia.



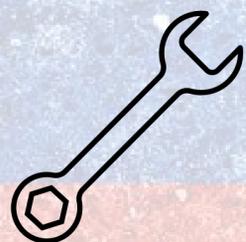
OBJECTIVES

- Locate Russia and Ukraine on a map.
- Compare demographic, geographic, and economic data.
- Understand the role of political leaders.
- Calculate ratios and percentages.
- Interpret data related to migration.
- Develop a nuanced understanding of an international conflict.



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - Location of countries
 - Area and population
 - Migration and exile
 - International conflict
- **Mathematics**
 - Ratios ("how many times more")
 - Division
 - Calculating time (distance/speed)
 - Percentages
- **English**
 - Reading instructions
 - Information research
 - Reformulation
 - Comprehension of informational texts
- **General knowledge**
 - International relations
 - Contemporary issues



COMPETENCIES

- Search for and select relevant information.
- Read and interpret statistical data.
- Compare geographical realities.
- Solve mathematical problems.
- Organize information in an identity card.
- Establish links between events and human consequences.



DURATION

- About 60 minutes

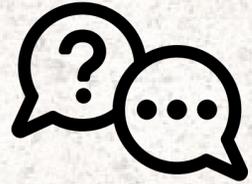


GETTING STARTED

- Show a map of Eastern Europe. Ask:
 - "What do you know about Russia and Ukraine?"
 - "Why might neighboring countries come into conflict?"
 - "What might be the consequences of a war for the inhabitants?"
- Locate the two countries on a world map.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Two Feuding Brothers. Comparison of Russia and Ukraine using a data table. Calculations involving the division of two numbers.

Q1 — Approximately 4 times.

Q2 — Approximately 28 times.

Q3 — Approximately 35 times.

Q4 — Approximately 3.5 times.

STEP 2 — Two Enemy Presidents. Research of biographical information on Wikipedia and filling of an identity card.

Vladimir Putin

Date of birth: October 7, 1952

City of birth: Leningrad

Age (in 2026): 73

Spouse: Lyudmila Shkrebneva

Occupation before politics: Soldier and intelligence officer

Volodymyr Zelensky

Date of birth: January 25, 1978

Birthplace: Kryvyi Rih

Age (in 2026): 48

Spouse: Olena Zelenska

Occupation before politics: Actor

STEP 3 — On the road to exile. Analysis of a migration map and problem-solving (division and percentages)

Q5 — Approximately 11 hours 30 minutes.

Q6 — Approximately 1 hour 30 minutes (90 minutes)

Q7 — Approximately 13%



WRAPPING UP

- Review:
 - the size differences between the two countries;
 - the role of leaders in a conflict;
 - the human impact of war.
- Final question:
 - "Why is it important to understand the numbers behind a current event?"



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Jaime Joyce. *War in Ukraine*. Time for Kids
www.timeforkids.com/g56/war-in-ukraine-2