

Conflict in the Ukraine: What should the US role be?

Ukraine was once a country controlled by the Soviet Union. However it became an independent nation in 1991 when the Soviet Union fell apart. Recently Russia annexed Crimea, a part of the Ukraine. In addition, there are reports that Russia has been sending soldiers to fight along side Ukrainian separatists, against Ukraine's government in Kiev. The Ukrainian government has asked for military aid from the US to fight the Russians and the Ukrainian separatists. What should the US do: should the US send military aid or only humanitarian aid to Ukraine?

Step 1: Read your textbook pages called *Ukraine and Yugoslavia, The Resurgence of Nationalism*, pages 678-679 and answer the following questions:

How long ago was Ukraine a part of the Russian Empire?

In what ways did Ukraine suffer under Stalin's dictatorship?

What happened in Ukraine in 1991?

When was Yugoslavia created?

Which leader in Yugoslavia united the nation of many different nationalities?

What happened to Yugoslavia with the break up of the Soviet Union?

What did the Serbs do to other ethnic groups?

Step 2: Use your Chrome book, and our website (<http://daveforrest.net/world>) to watch the short news *PBS report on sending arms to Ukraine*.

Step 3: log in to your www.newsela.com and read the article, "Pro/Con Should the US answer the Ukrainian call to arms?" After you read the article take the short on-line quiz of four questions.

Step 4: Use the on-line Newsela article to fill in the T chart below with for and against sending military aid to the Ukrainians.

Yes, Send US Arms to Ukraine

No, only send humanitarian aid

Step 5: Write your own paragraph stating your point of view on whether the US should send military aid to the Ukrainians. Be sure to state your claim and give supporting reasons and evidence.
