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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

INVASION OF UKRAINE: A NATO PERSPECTIVE

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **Alliance** (n.) - A union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations.
2. **Deterrence** (n.) - The action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.
3. **Sphere of Influence** (n.) - A country or area in which another country has power to affect developments although it has no formal authority.
4. **Sanction** (n.) - A threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.
5. **Sovereignty** (n.) - The authority of a state to govern itself or another state.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- What are sanctions? Why is the U.S. using sanctions against Russia in response to their invasion of Ukraine?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of military alliances with other countries?
- What is the significance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the current conflict between Russia and the Ukraine?
- What is the U.S.'s role in NATO? Why are they positioned the way they currently are within the organization?
- What federal governing documents and rules grant or limit the U.S.'s involvement in international conflicts?
- What role does the Constitution play in the United States' position on the invasion of Ukraine?
- In your opinion, what is the role and the responsibilities of a federal government in protecting national security and a country's involvement in international conflict?