

CFR Education's mission is to empower young people with the essential knowledge, skills, and perspective to be responsible citizens and navigate the news. We've assembled a list of resources across our digital learning platforms to help students understand what's happening in Ukraine—and why it matters.

Model Diplomacy

Historical pop-up case on Ukraine

This new historical pop-up case allows students to explore issues around Ukraine's security in the wake of the break-up of the Soviet Union. Ukraine inherited the third-largest nuclear arsenal in the world, and, fearing the risks of nuclear proliferation, the United States and Russia alike sought to negotiate Ukraine's disarmament, but Ukraine wanted guarantees against future Russian aggression in exchange.

- [Negotiating Ukrainian Security in 1993](#)

Tools of Foreign Policy pop-up cases

Model Diplomacy's series of hypothetical pop-up cases covering the [Tools of Foreign Policy](#) empowers students to weigh the pros and cons of pursuing different strategies to influence other countries. The tools of armed force, deterrence, and economic sanctions have all been discussed in the context of the crisis in Ukraine.

- [Armed Force](#)
- [Deterrence](#)
- [Economic Sanctions](#)

Full cases

- [Russia and NATO in the Baltics](#)
This Model Diplomacy simulation allows students to explore a hypothetical escalation of tensions between Latvia's ethnic Latvian majority and its ethnic Russian minority. Following a Russian incursion into Latvia, the United States faces a dilemma in how to respond to this crisis involving a fellow member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- [NATO Enlargement in 1993](#)
In this historical case, students will act as members of the U.S.

Instructor Resources on the Crisis in Ukraine

National Security Council to decide whether NATO should survive following the collapse of the Soviet Union, and if so, how its purpose and activities should evolve in a new era.

World101

Review Russia's recent history of incursions into Ukraine, including its annexation of Crimea in 2014.

- [Russian Interventions in Georgia and Ukraine Reignite Tensions](#)
- [What Is Armed Force?](#)
- [Hitting Home: When Global Becomes Local](#)

Dig into critical context on NATO's origins and how its mission has changed over seven decades.

- [NATO: The World's Largest Alliance](#)

Learn more about Ukraine's recent history with nuclear weapons.

- [The History of Nuclear Proliferation](#)
- [The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty](#)

Get up to speed on the laws and norms that form the backbone of international relations, and what happens when countries—like Russia—break the rules.

- [What Is the Liberal World Order?](#)
- [Laws, Norms, and Democratic Backsliding](#)
- [What Is Sovereignty?](#)
- [How Self-Determination Shaped the Modern World](#)
- [Understanding the Constructive and Destructive Natures of Nationalism](#)
- [Tanks, Sanctions, and Separatists: The Various Challenges to Sovereignty](#)

Explore other relevant lessons on Europe, the Cold War, and global conflict.

- [ROTW: Europe module](#)

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- [How Did the Cold War Stay Cold?](#)
- [Conflict module](#)

Convene the Council

Our new video game, Convene the Council, empowers students as young as twelve to step inside the Situation Room and make foreign policy decisions while role-playing as president of the United States. Through a series of gameplay scenarios, students will come to understand the basics of how U.S. foreign policy gets made, how the National Security Council (NSC) can influence foreign policy priorities, and how foreign and domestic policy are intertwined. It can also be a great way to start a conversation about current events.

- [Convene the Council](#)

In the News

And for more on how to communicate with young learners about the crisis in Ukraine, check out:

- *Washington Post*: [Your kids are hearing about Ukraine. Here's how to help them understand.](#)
- *Education Week*: [Why the Russia-Ukraine crisis is relevant to teachers](#)