

# European Geography & Cultures Lesson Plan & Checklist

Second – Fourth Grade

## Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania

See related blog post on <http://CottonRidgeHomeschool.com> for free PDF Files and images.

The blog post also has links to Map Folder, Stamp Album, and Card File instructions.

### A. Introduction to Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania

#### 1. Read

- The Romania Fact and Picture Book (This book is a little below the age range of my class but it has great pictures and interesting text. The images in the PDF file provided in the related blog post and my sample cards are based on this book.)

#### 2. Map Folders and Stamp Albums

- Pass out Folders and Stamp Albums.
- Pass out postage stamps from Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania and stamp hinges.

### B. Physical Geography of Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania

#### 1. Where on Earth

- **Find** the continent of Europe and the countries of Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania on a globe. Have students color these countries on the map on their folder.
- **Find** Europe and these countries in the Atlas: start on page 76 of Where on Earth? Atlas, then find the countries on page 78. Move on to page 80 to view the landscape, and to page 94 to see it by night.

#### 2. Climate, Population and Wildlife

- **Review** Europe's overall climate on page 90 of Where on Earth? Atlas.
- **Review** page 92 of Where on Earth? Atlas to see the **wildlife** common across Europe, and don't miss the "**Biomes**" sidebar.
- **Read** page 68 – 69 of the DK Children's Atlas about Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania. **Find out** about **agricultural** products, major **landforms**, and **water** bodies.

#### 3. Card File – Follow General Card File Instructions.

- **Flag** and **Map** Country Cover Card PDF File
- Country **Information** Card PDF File
- **Category** Cards - plain index cards or pre-printed PDF File (you may want to provide samples for students to copy)
- **Images** PDF File for Category Cards

## **C. Culture**

*Choose the activities that interest you the most. Add to your Card File as you learn new things and complete activities. Listen to related music and/or stories while doing projects if possible.*

**For Festivals, Landmarks & Attractions, Crafts, and Recipes, and more please see my**

**Ukraine Pinterest Board:** <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/ukraine/>

and my **Romania Pinterest Board:** <https://www.pinterest.com/cottonridgellc/world-geography-cultures/romania/>

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## Checklist for Basic Materials:

- Globe
- Where On Earth? Atlas
- DK Children's World Atlas
- The Romania Fact and Picture Book (or similar book)
- Map Folders, Stamp Albums, Stamps & Hinges
- Card File materials including printed PDF files (see general instructions)
- iPad or Computer with internet connection for research (optional)

## Checklist for Projects:

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