

**B. Read the text again and write T for True or F for False.**

1. Poems and fairy tales aren't literature.
2. Great Expectations was written by William Shakespeare.
3. Charles Dickens' books are used to teach students.
4. Pride and Prejudice was written by Jane Austen.
5. A. A. Milne created Winnie the Pooh.
6. Alan Hollinghurst made films out of the Harry Potter books.



**C. Write a short paragraph about Ukrainian literature. Include the following:**

- ▶ genres and sub-genres
- ▶ famous authors of the past and their works
- ▶ 21st century authors

**CULTURE TIME 2**

**ALL ABOUT UKRAINE AND THE UK**

**Warm-up**

Look at the maps of Ukraine and the UK and the topics in the boxes. What do you know about each topic?

**A. Read the texts and compare the information in them with your answers in the warm-up activity. Then complete the table.**



THE CAPITAL CITY

PRODUCTS



GEOGRAPHY

CLIMATE

	UKRAINE	UK
Where		
Capital		
Population		
Official language		
Highest mountain		

## ALL ABOUT UKRAINE

Ukraine is located in Eastern Europe. It is the second largest country in Europe with a population of about 46 million. The official language is Ukrainian but many people also speak English, German and Polish.

### • THE CAPITAL CITY

Kyiv is both the largest city and the capital. It is located on the Dnipro River. The Dnipro is the longest river in Ukraine and the fourth longest river in Europe. You will see a mix of old and new buildings here.

### • PRODUCTS

Some things that Ukraine produces are iron, steel, sunflower oil and sugar. Its main export is steel.

### • GEOGRAPHY

The Carpathian Mountains are the largest mountain range in Ukraine and many tourists visit it every year. The highest mountain is Mount Hoverla. The deepest river is the Danube. The Black Sea is south of Ukraine and the Sea of Azov is southeast of the country.

### • CLIMATE

The summers are usually sunny, warm and dry and the temperature is between 25-35 °C. The winters are very cold and the temperatures can drop to -20 °C.

## ALL ABOUT THE UK

The UK is made up of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and has a population of about 63 million. Its official name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the official language is English.

### • THE CAPITAL CITY

London is the largest city in the UK and is also the capital. It is located on the River Thames and has a population of about 8 million. London is also a world cultural capital.

### • PRODUCTS

Some things that the UK produces are machine tools, gas, oil, cars, medicine and wool. The two main exports of the UK are cars and medicine.

### • GEOGRAPHY

The UK is located off the northwest coast of Europe between the North Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean. Right below is the English Channel. England mostly consists of lowlands. Ben Nevis, in Scotland, is the highest mountain in the UK. The longest river in the UK is the River Severn.

### • CLIMATE

The UK has cool winters and warm summers. Winter temperatures in England are about 1-9 °C and it's usually around 9-21 °C in summer. In Northern Ireland and Wales, it is around 1-9 °C in winter and about 8-19 °C in summer. In Scotland, it's colder and wetter. The temperatures are about -1 °C - 6 °C in winter and reach 7-17 °C in summer.

### B. Read again and write T for True or F for False.

1. Many people in Ukraine speak English and Ukrainian.
2. The longest river in Europe is the Dnipro.
3. Ukraine produces olive oil.
4. The Sea of Azov is southeast of Ukraine.
5. Ukrainian summers are usually warm, wet and sunny.
6. London is located on the River Severn.
7. Ben Nevis is in Wales.
8. Scotland has the coldest weather in the UK.

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**CULTURE TIME 3**

# Time for SCHOOL

**Warm-up**

- ▶ Did you go to preschool?
- ▶ Which subjects do you like and which ones don't you like?

**A. Read the text. Which of the topics below are mentioned?**

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Levels of education | 4. Examinations       |
| 2. School subjects     | 5. University courses |
| 3. Number of students  |                       |

## Education in UKRAINE

In Ukraine, children don't have to start school until the age of 6. Before that, they may go to preschool. Preschool is separated into two: nursery schools (up to 3 years old) and kindergartens (3-6 years old).

General education is separated into 3 levels. Level I is primary school and is from grade 1 to grade 4 (ages 6-10). The subjects which are taught at this level are Ukrainian, mathematics, environment studies music, art, physical training, working education and health protection.

Level II is basic secondary or middle school, from grades 5 to 9 (ages 10-15), and Level III is upper secondary school, from grades 10-11 (ages 15-17). The subjects which are taught at these levels are

Ukrainian language, Ukrainian literature, a foreign language, world literature, Ukrainian history, world history, geography, algebra, geometry, biology, chemistry, physics, nature studies, law, music, art, physical education and working education.

Students take an exam called Internal State Examination at the end of grades 9 and 11. After they have completed grade 9, students may choose to leave school. They may go to a technical school or they may complete grades 10 and 11 and then go on to higher education.

In Ukraine, at university, you can get a bachelor's degree after the first four years and then you need one or two years to get a master's degree.

**B. Read the text again and answer the questions.**

1. What are the two levels of preschool called?
2. Do Ukrainian children have to go to kindergarten?
3. How many levels of general education are there?
4. What subjects are taught in primary school?
5. How old are students in upper secondary school?
6. What grade must a student complete to go to a technical school?
7. What grade must a student complete to go on to University?
8. How many years in higher education does it take to get a master's degree?



**C. Discuss the following:**

- ▶ What do you like most about your school?
- ▶ Would you like to study at university? Why / Why not?



## CULTURE TIME 4

# UKRAINIAN Show Business Celebrities

**Warm-up****Discuss the following:**

- ▶ Do you admire any celebrities? Who are they?  
Why do you admire them?

**A. Look at the pictures of some celebrities. What do you know about them? Read the text and find out more about them.**



## Irma Vitovska

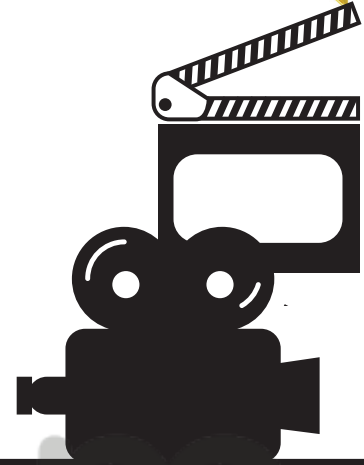
Irma Vitovska was born on 30 December, 1974, in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. She is a talented theatre and film actress who began acting in her teens, appearing in local Ukrainian films and TV shows. She impressed audiences in the movie *My Thoughts Are Silent* and won The Golden Duke Award for the best acting performance at the Odesa International Film Festival. Irma is also the winner of the Kyiv Award named after Ivan Mykolaichuk for her great impact on the development of Ukrainian cinema. She is an active public figure and speaks out for changes in society.

**CULTURE TIME 4**

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**Taissa Farmiga**

Taissa Farmiga was born on 17 August, 1994, in New Jersey, United States. She attended a public school until the fourth grade when her mother began homeschooling her and two of her siblings. In total, Taissa has six siblings. Her parents are Ukrainian immigrants. She understands the Ukrainian language and publicly promotes her love for Ukrainian culture. Taissa started acting in her teens. Her breakout role was in the popular American television series *American Horror Story*, and she has since starred in many Hollywood films.

**Maksim Chmerkoskiy**

Maksim Chmerkoskiy is a professional Ukrainian-American dancer, instructor and choreographer. He was born in Odessa, Ukraine on 17 January 1980. He started dancing at the age of four and moved to Brooklyn, New York with his family in 1994. At 16, he opened his first dance studio with his father in New Jersey. Maksim has won many dance contests and has been on the American *Dancing with the Stars* for more than 12 seasons. He has many dance studios in the US and plans to open up more. His brother and student, Valentin, is also a professional ballroom dancer on the *American Dancing with the Stars*.



**B. Read the text again and complete the missing information.**

1. In 1994, \_\_\_\_\_ moved to \_\_\_\_\_ with his family.
2. Taissa was born in \_\_\_\_\_ but her family comes from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Irma won The \_\_\_\_\_ Award for the best acting performance at the \_\_\_\_\_ International Film Festival.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ has acted in American films and on TV.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ has influenced Ukrainian cinema.
6. Maksim opened \_\_\_\_\_ when he was 16.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ speaks publicly about changes in society.

**C. Write a short paragraph about another famous Ukrainian celebrity. Include the following:**

- ▶ date and place of birth
- ▶ information about his or her career
- ▶ awards that he or she has won

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