



UKRAINE

UKRAINIAN IDENTITY

- What first comes to your mind when people ask you about Ukraine?
- What are the things that best describe Ukrainian identity?
- Look at the pictures and tell about these national Ukrainian symbols.



VOCABULARY

1. What personality traits can you use to describe Ukrainian nationality? Put the following adjectives into the correct columns. What adjectives can you add to the list? Think of some Ukrainian traditions, customs, habits, that can justify the stated adjectives as true characteristics of the Ukrainians.

loyal / hospitable / amiable / superstitious / chaotic / emotional / weak-willed / carefree / open-minded / mischievous / dutiful / genuine / obstinate / resourceful / humorous / practical / modest / ignorant / tolerant / worldly-wise / arrogant / jealous / adventurous / sly / bossy / patriotic / capable / cowardly / frank

Positive traits

Negative traits

2. Here are some sets of words. Cross one word out of each line. Explain your choice.

- 1) varenyky – lard – borsch – spaghetti
- 2) trident – flag – stork – anthem
- 3) nightingale – crane – eagle – swallow
- 4) sunflower – rose – poppy – marigold
- 5) apron – wreath – espadrilles – vyshyvanka
- 6) sable – chub – Cossacks – polka
- 7) rushnyk – pysanka – dreamcatcher – motanka
- 8) bandura – kobza – piano – lyre
- 9) embroidery – pottery – weaving – knitting



3. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph using the words given below.

kingdom / values / traditions / character / mentality / language / identity / culture / stereotypes / heritage / self-determination / territory / symbols / commitment / nation

The national 1) _____ is a set of stable spiritual 2) _____, habits, 3) _____ of behaviour, way of thinking, and 4) _____, which are typical for a particular 5) _____. A nation is a community constituted by shared belief and mutual 6) _____, extended in history, active in 7) _____, connected to a particular 8) _____, and marked off from other communities by its distinct public 9) _____. Ukraine is a self-contained state that has its national emblem, flag, and anthem. The history of Ukrainian nationality can be traced back to the Kiev-based 10) _____ of Kyiv Rus' of the 9th to 12th centuries. National identity arises from personal 11) _____ shared with others on the basis of a common 12) _____, cultural and family 13) _____, religion, and historical and mythical 14) _____. There is a lively review of these elements in contemporary Ukraine in a new stage of 15) _____ development.