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What led to the Ukraine Crisis?

By Santiago Grellys Marquez

Grade 6

You probably know what is going on in Europe: Russia is invading Ukraine. Many countries, including the United States have sent supplies to Ukraine, and have sanctioned Russia to hurt its economy. First, let's talk about how we got to this situation and why Russia is invading Ukraine.

It all started in the early 20th century. At that time, Ukraine was a part of Russia. All of Europe has been improving and industrializing, all except Russia. Some of Russia's population were serfs, a serf is like a farmer but working for someone else, not themselves. Workers worked in hard conditions as well, and the Tsar would party hard all the time. It also didn't help that Russia had a humiliating defeat against Japan, and Russia would find itself in one of the biggest wars in history: World War I. So the people attempted a revolution, which failed. Then they started another revolution. Eventually they overthrew the Tsar, and a new government took place.

Russia was still fighting in WW1 and the people were tired of it. So Russia made peace with Germany saying that Russia must cede some of their territory and form a new German puppet state (a state that is controlled by another) out of it. Russia refused and instead removed their troops. When Germany realized that Russia removed their troops, 700,000 German troops pushed into Russia, and Germany demanded even more land to make new puppet states. One of these new puppet states was Ukraine. In 1917, the Russian Civil War started, which was the Bolsheviks vs Russia. After

Germany was defeated in 1918 all the German puppet states were granted independence, including Ukraine. The Bolsheviks tried to invade all of the new independent puppet states, and they did invade Ukraine. The Russian Civil War ended in 1922 where the Bolsheviks were victorious.

The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 along with the independence of Ukraine and Russia. In 2014 Russia invaded Ukraine and annexed Crimea (took over and made part of Russia). Right now they are invading Ukraine again, why?

Well most of the Soviet Union republics form alliances with each other. The only European countries who didn't join the alliance were Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and they are all in NATO and in the EU. Ukraine is the only European republic. Vladimir Putin, who is president of Russia, wanted to invade Ukraine for many reasons. One of them is that he worries that Ukraine will join the EU and NATO. If there were war with NATO, NATO would be a larger front to deal with. On top of that, there is a flat surface in Europe that troops can push into and Russia wants to block this. Invading Ukraine will push their land into the Carpathian Mountains. Russia has been invaded many times by the French during the Napoleonic wars and Germany during WW2. Also Russia started in Ukraine.

Ukraine troops are fighting really hard and Ukraine has a decently big military. With the sanctions hitting Russia, it will give Ukraine a chance to win the war.



INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION: House of mystery finale, a crazy hockey experience, trimester two reflection, kindness, and comics.



ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION: thoughts on the Ukraine Crisis, George Lopez, things to do when you are bored, and more!

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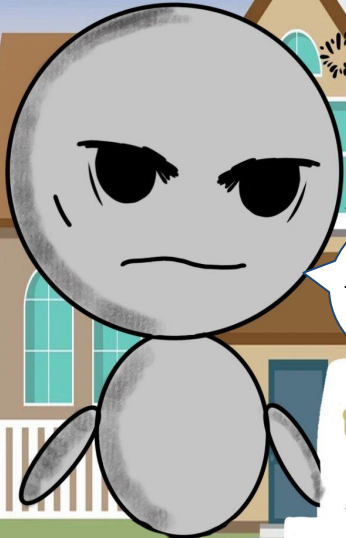
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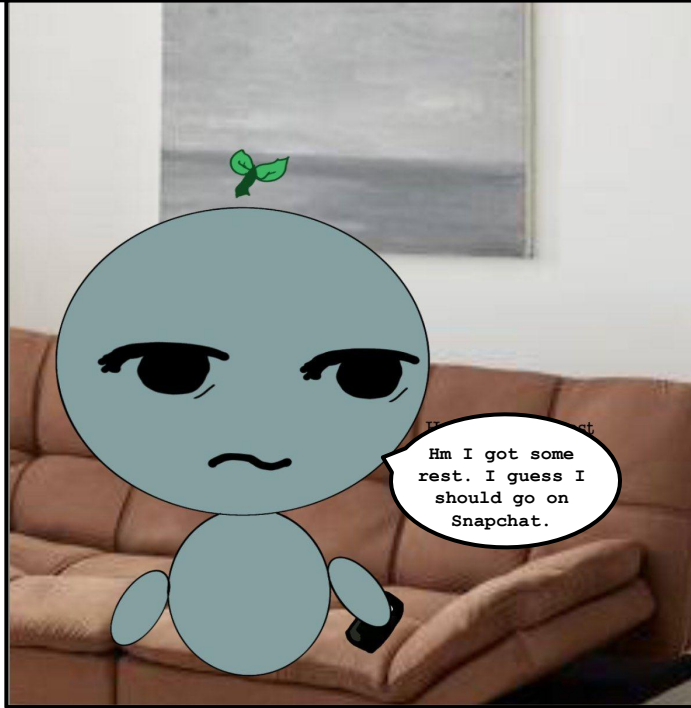
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WHY SOCIAL MEADIA IS BAD WHEN YOU
ARE OVERWORKED



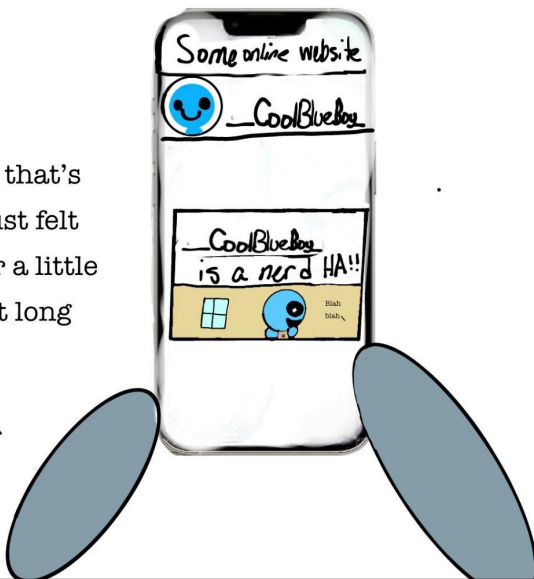
Sigh
Man I am so
tired from my
assignments.

There are many people who
go home tired after school from so much work



Hm I got some
rest. I guess I
should go on
Snapchat.

Hey wait that's
mean I just felt
better for a little
after that long
day



That is why social media is bad
for people [^]who are over worked
remember to be kind and don't
say things like that BYE.



Why You Should Join the Newspaper!

By Jorie Staples
Grade 6

Why should you join the school newspaper? Maybe you want to make new friends, or write for the school. I joined because I always wanted to write stories for my school and tell people about my experiences. I think you should

join the newspaper because you might have a lot of fun! Without Ms. Maloney we would not have a school newspaper, so thank you Ms. Maloney. One reason I like newspapers is because of the kids that are in it, and some of my friends joined too. One good thing about newspaper is that it meets once a week. That is why I think you should join the news paper!

My Crazy Hockey Experience

By Isla Feldman

Grade 6

I have had many experiences with hockey but nothing compares to what happened about a year ago. This story has a lot of bad things in it, but hockey is very fun and is a great activity for many people, so don't let this stop you from playing hockey. This is a very rare experience in hockey and has an equal chance to happen in other sports. I still play hockey so I did not quit hockey from this experience.

So I was playing in a hockey tournament with a brand new team (yes, this is the team that I got my first concussion with) and it was our second game in the tournament. We won our first game and the score was like 5-3, we were winning. It was the third period with about 8 minutes left on the

clock, and then something happened. I was sitting on the bench and I heard a scream and crying so I just thought someone got hurt. I got up to see that a girl on the other team got hurt, so I was like ok whatever and then we all took a knee (that is what you do when a person gets hurt). I asked the coach what happened and he said that the girl on the other team fell and hit the boards. It took about 2 minutes for the girl to get up and then when she did everybody tapped their sticks on the ground, and everyone in the stands cheered. Then to my surprise I heard yelling.

The refs went to the other bench where the team sits and started to talk to the coach that was yelling. I heard that he was yelling about how one of our girls checked the girl that got hurt, and that girl was not even on the ice when she got hurt, and there was no one even near the girl who fell. The refs put her in the penalty box anyway, and our coach got mad, but did not yell about it. So I assumed that the coach's

daughter was the girl who got hurt. I thought that they were going to give her a 2 minute penalty, or at most a 5 minute. Surprise, surprise, they gave her a ten and a two, which means that she got a ten minute penalty, and someone on the team has a 2 minute penalty, even if they did nothing. Our coaches got really mad. I was the only one on my team who was fine serving the 2 minute, so I served the 2 minute, and was right next to the girl who got the ten minute. The coach on the other team was yelling at her. He was saying that she is super unsportsmanlike and that she was a terrible person, so she started crying. I think anyone would when a grown man is yelling at you. So I was really mad and I was trying to make the girl next to me stop crying, but it was almost impossible.

I was on the ice and there was only 1:00 left on the clock, and then finally the ref kicked that coach out. The ending score was 7-4 and we all felt so bad for the girl who got the ten minute penalty.

Comic Bits

By Heidy Molina

Grade 6



Hello! My name is Heidy. I am 11 years old and I like anime. I live in Saint Paul. I like Kpop and rap. My favorite color is black. I like Korean food and it's celebrations.

Trimester Two Reflections

By Divya Ohneswere

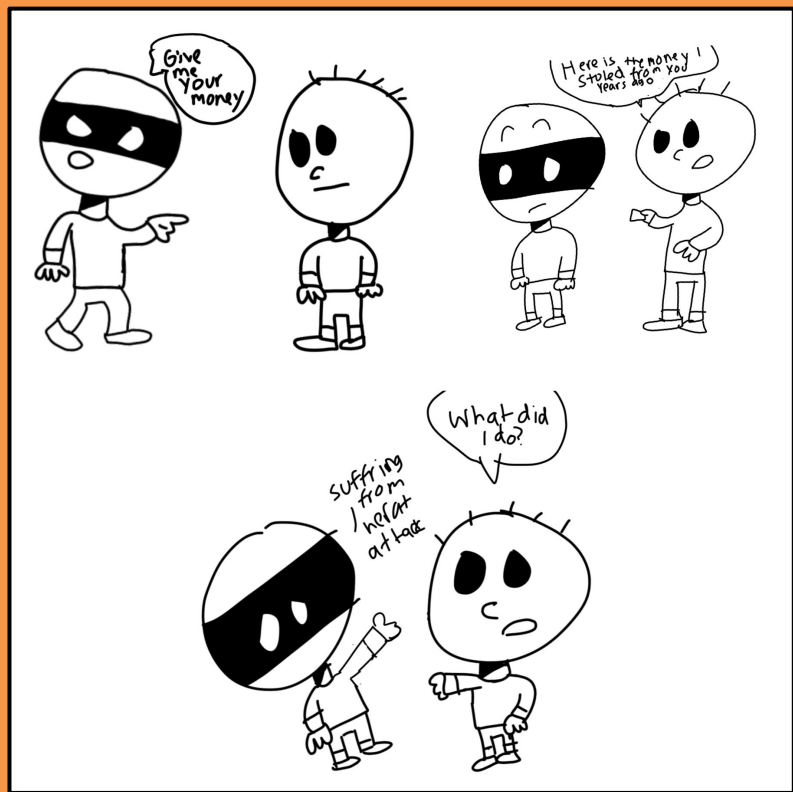
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I decided that since it's the start of a new trimester, I wanted to write about trimester two. I mean... why not? Trimester two was not my favorite because it is in winter. That's my least favorite season. So this school year has been really fun but stressful. I think a lot of people can relate. It was especially hard because I had to quarantine for four weeks. I've been good with keeping up with my grades, and I am proud of myself. For trimester three I would really encourage people to not stress, and never give up. Just don't spend all-nighters trying to study. This is the last trimester of the year. Try to keep up good grades, but also have fun!



Comic Bits

By Santiago Grellys Marquez
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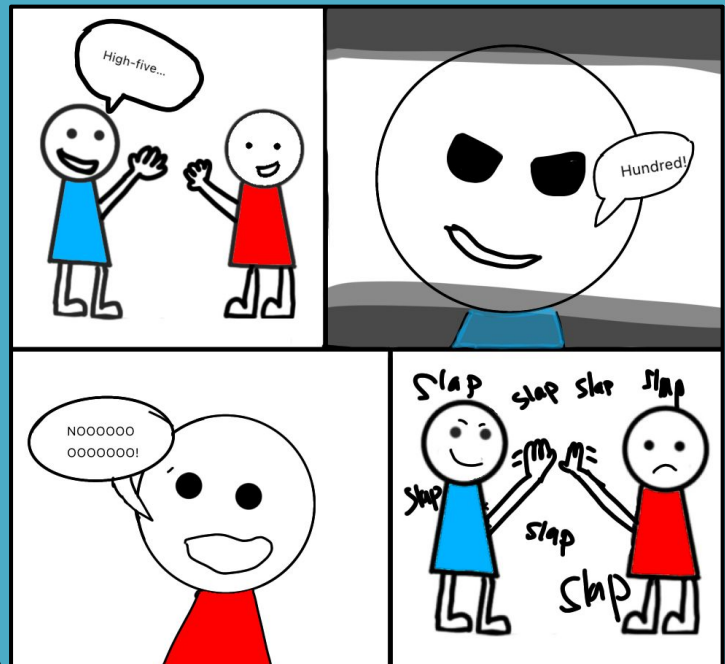
Comic Bits

By Johann Padaong
Grade 6

Russia attacks Ukraine	  Kalm
Russia takes over Ukraine and then attacks NATO	  Panik
Russia starts WW3	  More Panik

Comic Bits

By Jaxon Wanek
Grade 6



The Final House of Mystery

By Marcos Lara

Grade 6

The police asked us: "what were we doing there?" We said we were looking for the killer, but they did not believe us. We were now suspects.

Eventually, they let us go. We were going home, and we saw a guy walk out of the house. He was wearing the same hoodie as the killer, so we hid behind a bush. It was a cold, windy, night, and we watched and followed to see where he was going.

Before we continued to look for him, I got called by the police. They had recently put a tracker on my phone. I answered the phone and the police asked, "why are you still at that house, huh?" Mike and I told them that we saw someone. The cops said they were on their way.

Mike and I moved closer... just a little closer... We were going to see where the guy was going, but the cops told us to meet at the gas station. We were going the wrong way, so I and Mike decided we were still going after the guy that came out of the old house. Ugh, sometimes I hate the word old because it gives me the creeps.

Anyway, we decided to leave the guy because it could just be a cold, old man in a hoodie. So we went back to where the cops told us to meet them. We made it before the cops came, so we were not suspicious. We wait 10 seconds and then the cops showed up. He asked what we saw, and for a description of the person we were

following. We said he had a black hoodie. The cop asked "and the face?" "Nope, we did not see the face. Only the hoodie."

The cop was done writing the description, and let us look at a sketch of the killer. It kinda looked like the guy we were following. The cop told us to take a break and go home. "We will do the rest."



George Lopez

By Mariah Martinez

Grade 6

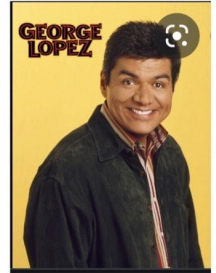
what movies did george play in

george played in rio & sharkboy and lavagirl & the Classic George Lopez and More



How old is George Lopez

george is 60 And his wife is 60 and his daughter is 25



george's Family

GEORGE WAS 1 Daughters and one beautiful wife



ge married Ann Serrano. Ann is a producer and actress, arrested Development, Curb Your Enthusiasm, and



So we went home sad, thinking the killer will never be caught.

Two days later they caught the criminal. Mike and I went to see who was behind the mask, but there was no suspect at the police station. The cops said "The killer killed themselves in a fire."

Mike and I were shocked that he did that. Before he killed himself, he said it was for the good of the people in the town. We went home and thought "why? Why would he kill himself?"

Mike and I left the town for good. We forgot, I mean we tried to forget, and we got a place to live. We now just live a normal life.

The End.

Bring Out Kindness

By Sena Sebu

Grade 8

In life sometimes we all have the opportunity to bring out positive things or negative things in people. People can bring out negative things by forgetting you never know what someone is going through. It is good to think before you say something to someone. People can bring out positive things because some people can understand what other people go through because they have the same problem.

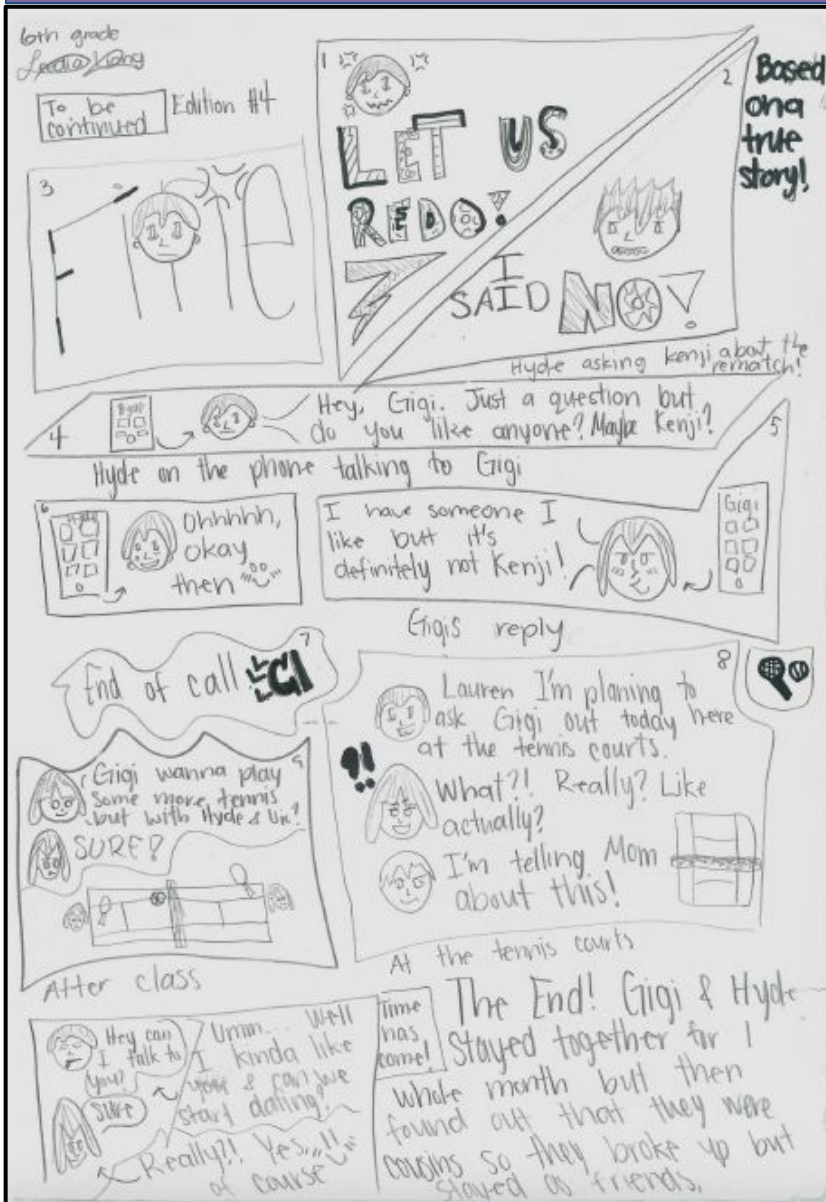
In life, you never know. You may see a loved one today, and you might not see them tomorrow. It is a good idea to treat someone right. Whether they are poor, rich, big, small, the same religion as you, or different religion from you - treat them well. You will get good back.

Choose the words "I can," instead of "I can't" when you do something and think you can't handle it. Do what you love instead of worrying about what could go wrong.

Comic Bits

By Leedia Xiong

Grade 6



Bored at Home?

By Erika Anacleto

Grade 8

When you're at home, and have free time, you might not know what to do! I have come up with some activities you can do if you're bored!

Listen to your favorite music artist, and dance!

Sit outside and enjoy the sun (if it's warm).

Make a smoothie out of your favorite fruits.

Call or FaceTime your friends.

Search up crafts you can make out of paper.

Clean out your closet and donate clothes that don't fit anymore.

Use google maps and plan out a dream vacation.

Go on Zillow and look up \$10 million houses.

Look through all of your old photos.

Build a fort out of pillows and blankets.

Look up colleges you might want to go to in the future.

Make a list of foods you're craving, so the next time you go grocery shopping, you won't forget!

Look up the history of another culture.

Create a collage of your favorite things.

Ask friends for music recommendations.

Set new goals for yourself.

Binge watch a new tv series.

Take a Buzzfeed quiz on a random topic.

Print out your favorite photos and hang them in your room.

Search food you can make out of what you have at home.