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# All About Ukraine

Student Inquiry Guide

Part A

Grade 3: Communities of the World

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# Learning About Ukraine



Dobrogo dnya! My name is Katerina. I live in a small village in the country called Ukraine.

Welcome to my country!

Can you find my country on a map of the world?

Ukraine is found in the middle of Europe. My country is the second largest country in Europe and is about the size of Manitoba in Canada or Texas in the United States. Ukraine is one of the world's newest nations because for years it was ruled by other powerful countries. In 1991, we won our freedom from Russia which was once a communist country called the Soviet Union.

Our flag is our main national symbol. It has two horizontal stripes of equal size. The top stripe is blue and stands for the blue sky over our land. The yellow stripe stands for the golden fields of wheat. Our national emblem is called the "trident" or "tryzub" (tree-zoob). It is our coat of arms. The trident is a gold, three-pronged spear on a blue background. It is found on the back of Ukraine's coins.



*Ukrainian woman*



*Fields of wheat in the Ukraine*

# Learning About Ukraine

Borsch is Ukraine's national dish. It is a soup made from beets, cabbage, and tomatoes. Varenyky (stuffed dumplings) and holubsti (cabbage rolls) are very popular dishes too.

Our national sport is soccer and it is played by children and adults across the country. In the spring, another symbol of Ukraine is seen in our forests. It is the guelder rose. In Ukraine, we have a famous oak tree that is 600 to 700 years old. It is found in many of our legends. The stork is also a symbol of Ukraine and its large nests are often seen throughout the country. One of our best known symbols around the world is pysanky. They are beautiful hand-painted Easter eggs. Another national symbol is the bandura. Ukrainian music is often played on it.

There are 49,811,174 people living in Ukraine. Most of the people live in or near cities. Others live in small villages or in the country near large farms. Most of our people are Ukrainians while some are Russian, Polish, Hungarian, and Romanian. Our national language is Ukrainian but Russian is also spoken by many of the people.



*Historic country farmstead on the edge of the forest*

Ukraine's capital city is called Kyiv (Kiev). It is found on the Dnipro River and is our largest city. Our government buildings are found in Kyiv. Our government is called a democratic republic. The leader of the government is called the president. He is helped by a prime minister to run the government.

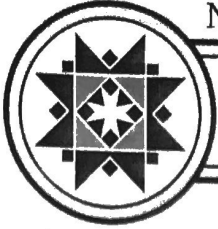


*Monastery in Kiev by the river Dnieper*

I hope you find my country an interesting one!

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Ukraine's Symbols: Student Activity 2



# Ukraine's Symbols



One of my favorite Ukrainian dishes is called "borsch". It is a soup made from beets and other vegetables. Borsch is Ukraine's national dish.

There are other symbols that are important to Ukraine.

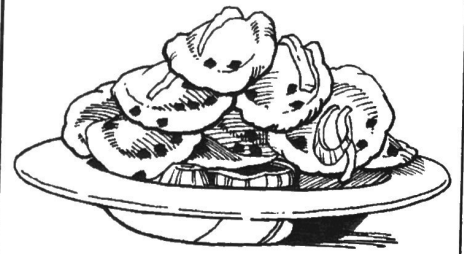
Check out the ones below and color them neatly.



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holubsti



varenyky



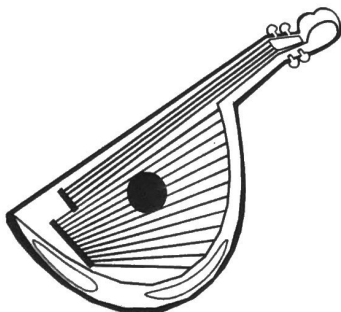
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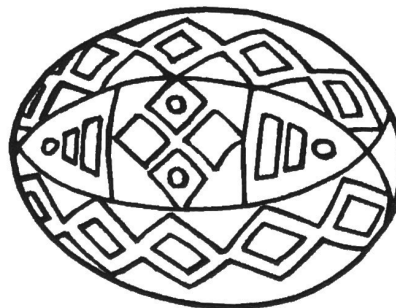
stork



oak tree



bandura



pysanky



guelder rose

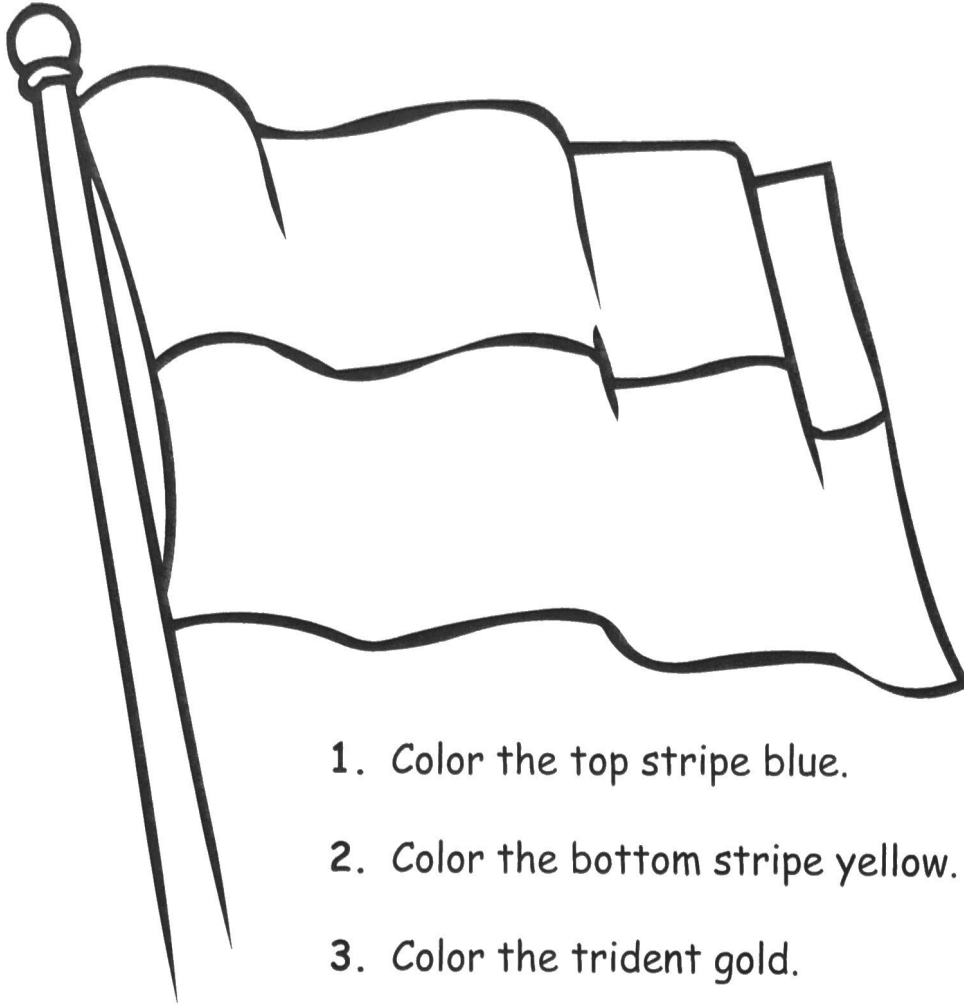
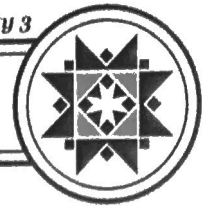


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Ukraine's Symbols: Student Activity 3



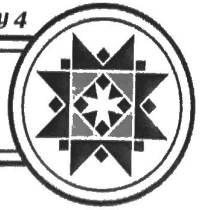
# Ukraine's National Flag



1. Color the top stripe blue.
2. Color the bottom stripe yellow.
3. Color the trident gold.
4. Color the coat of arms.



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# Where Is Ukraine?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

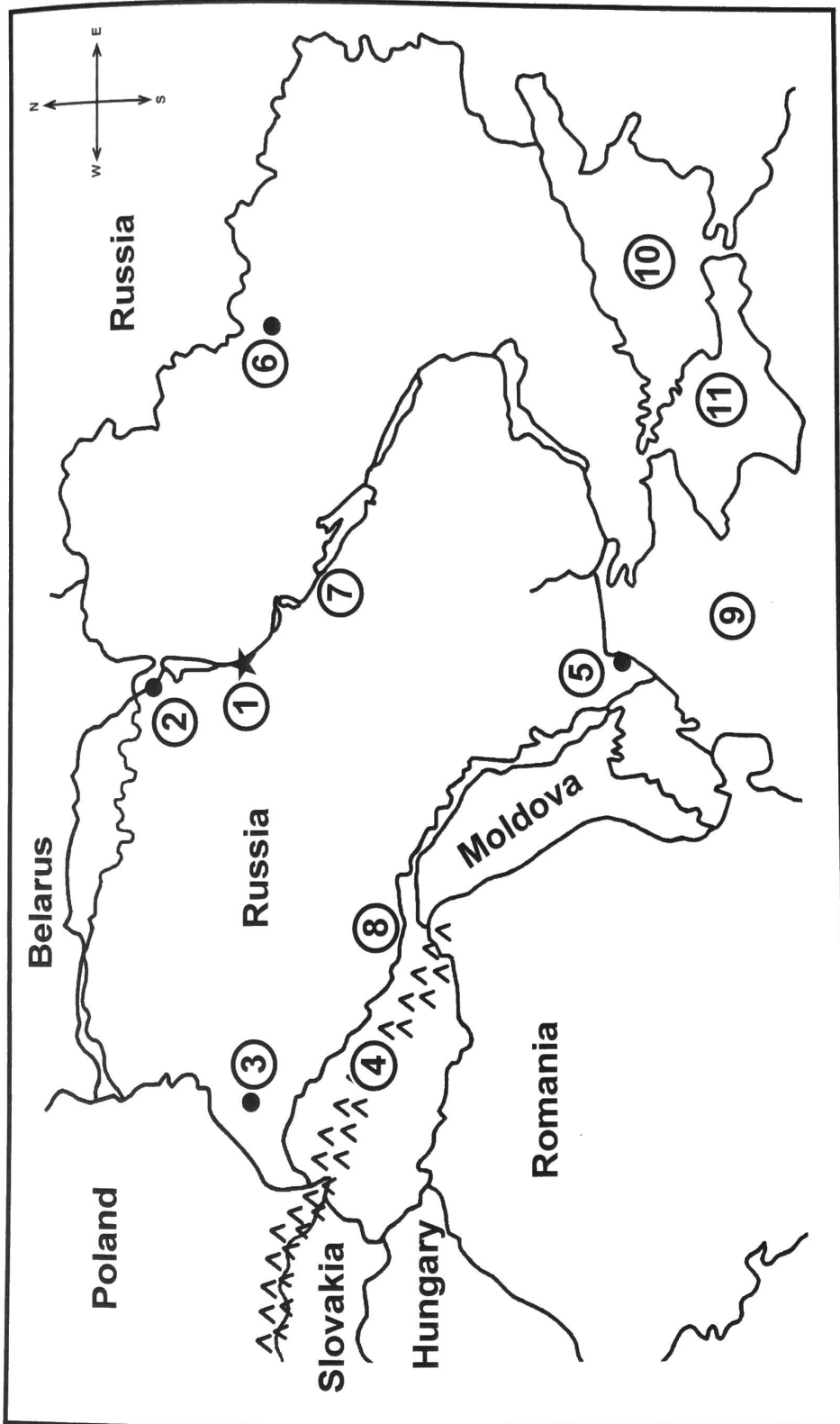
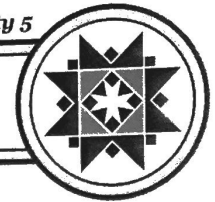
9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Labeling a Map of Ukraine



- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# Ukraine the Land



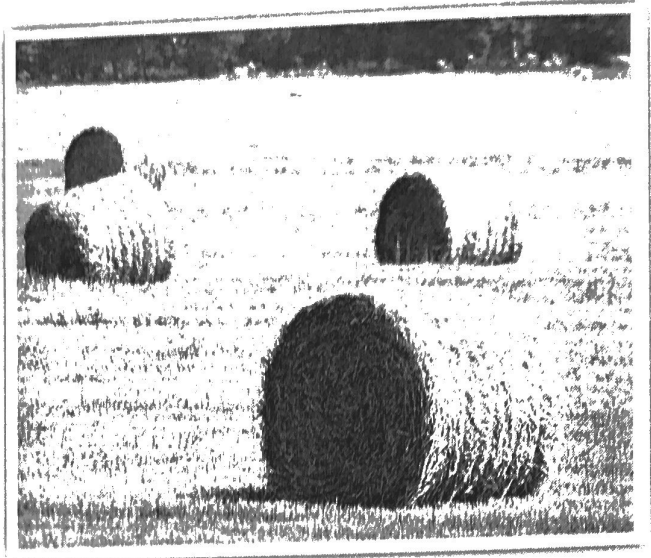
In my country, you will find mountains, lowlands along the rivers, seas, and flat fertile plains and plateaus. The flat areas are called Ukraine's steppes.

In northeastern Ukraine is the Northern Ukrainian Upland. It is a low plateau that has good land for growing grains and sugar beets. There are also gas deposits below the plateau. Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine, is found in this region.

In the northwestern Ukraine, is the Dnipro-Prypyat Lowland. It is found between the Dnipro and the Prypyat Rivers. In this lowland are the Prypyat Marshes. This marshland is the largest one in Europe and some of it has been drained so it can be used as grazing land for cattle. Kyiv, Ukraine's capital city, is found in this area. A big part of this lowland was contaminated when the nuclear reactor at Chernobyl exploded.

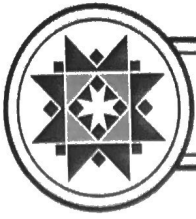
In the middle of Ukraine lies the Central Plateau. Most of Ukraine's steppe is found in this area. The Central Plateau has most of Ukraine's richest natural resource. Its thick,

deep, black soil is the world's most fertile soil.

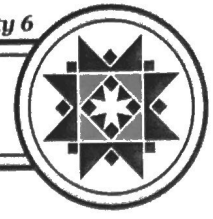


*Hay bales in a Ukrainian field*

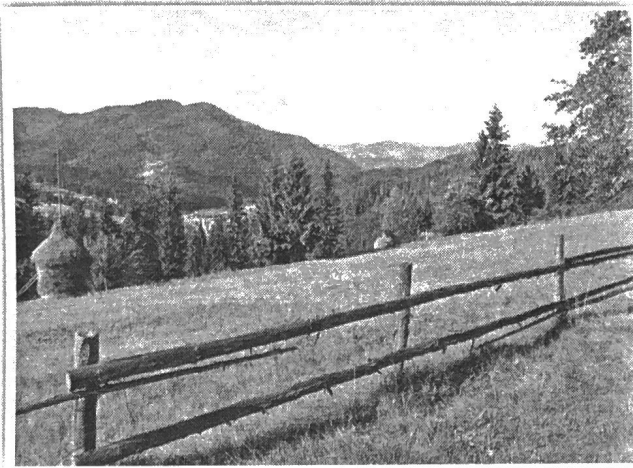
The Coastal Plain is in the southern part of Ukraine. It is all of the land along the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The rest of Ukraine's steppe is found in the Coastal Plain. This steppe does not receive a lot of rain and is called a desert steppe. The farms on the steppe use water from irrigation canals.



## Ukraine the Land



There are two groups of mountains in Ukraine. They are the Carpathian Mountains and Crimean Mountains. The Carpathian Mountains are found in southwestern Ukraine. The people living here farm and herd sheep and cattle. Logging is an important industry as well.



*The Ukrainian countryside*

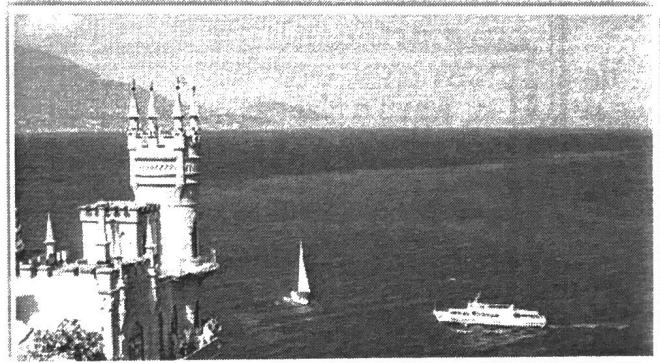
The Crimean Mountains are found on the Crimean Peninsula along the southern shore. On the hillsides vineyards and apple and cherry orchards grow. Beaches are found between the mountains and the Black Sea. Tourism is an important industry here.

There are many rivers and streams that flow through the Ukraine. There are four main rivers that flow from north to south into the Black Sea or the Sea of Azov. They

are the Dniester, the Southern Buh, the Dniro and the Donet Rivers.

The longest river in Ukraine and the third longest river in Europe is the Dniro. It flows for 980 km (609 miles) through Ukraine dividing the country into east and west. The Dniro, the Dniester, and the Donet are used for shipping and traveling. The Southern Buh has many rapids which makes shipping impossible but its waters are used to make hydro-electric power.

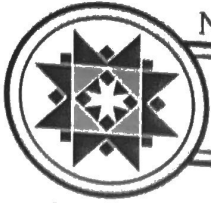
There are about 3,000 small, natural lakes in Ukraine. Some have fresh water and some have salt water. Ukraine also has large reservoirs. These are lakes formed behind dams on rivers. Some of the largest reservoirs are found on the Dniro River. Ukraine uses the water from reservoirs to irrigate farmlands, to produce hydro-electric power, and to provide drinking water for its people.



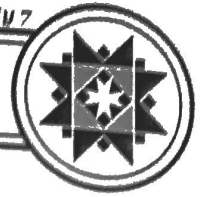
*The Crimean coast*

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Geographical Areas of Ukraine: Student Activity 7



# Ukraine the Land



Now that you know about the landforms that are found in Ukraine, let's see how well you can complete each sentence. Use the correct ending or beginning found in the box.

Record each beginning or ending on the line provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Ukraine is called the Dnipro.
2. A reservoir is made \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ grown on the Northern Ukrainian Upland.
4. The Prypyat Marsh is the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the Central Plateau the soil is thick, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ may have saltwater or freshwater in them.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ grow on the hillsides in the Crimean Peninsula.
8. Ukraine's desert steppe is found \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ flow from north to south into the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • when a river is dammed                  | • Grains and sugar beets are    |
| • Vineyards and apple and cherry orchards | • The longest river             |
| • The many lakes in the Ukraine           | • deep, black, and very fertile |
| • largest marshland in Europe             | • in the Coastal Plain          |
| • The four main rivers in Ukraine         |                                 |



# Ukraine's Climate

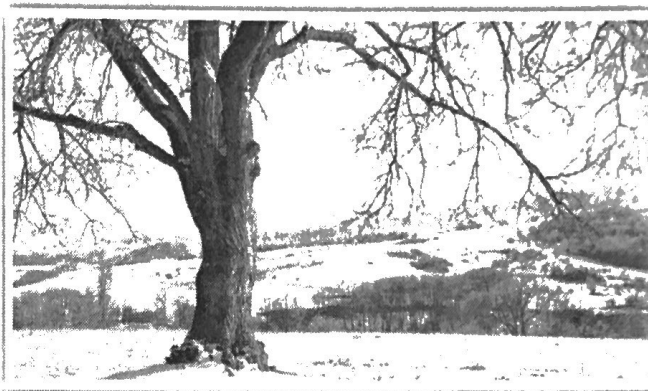


The weather in Ukraine is very much like the weather in the wheat growing areas of North America. Many of our farms grow different kinds of grains too.

Ukraine has a mild continental climate because it lies far from the Atlantic Ocean in the middle of Europe. A continental climate is one that has warm to cool summers and cold winters. There is rain or snow during the seasons. This type of climate is found in the northern and central part of Ukraine. In the southern area of Ukraine in the Crimean Peninsula, the people enjoy a Mediterranean climate. Here the summers are hot and dry and the winters are mild and rainy. It is a popular vacation spot!

Ukraine has four main seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Our winters are long but mild. There are no severe frosts but we do have snow everywhere except on the coast of the Crimean Peninsula. During the winter months of February and March, snow falls in the Carpathian Mountains. Many Ukrainians love to go skiing in this area.

Spring is the season when Ukraine comes to life. Plants begin to grow, fruit trees blossom, the sun shines, and gentle rains fall. Our summer is bright and



*Winter scene in Ukraine*

sunny. Trees are covered with green leaves and gardens are full of brightly colored flowers. Autumn begins in September. The weather is still warm in early autumn but then the winds turn cold and the days are chilly.

Ukraine gets 41 to 61 centimeters (16 to 24 inches) of rain and snow each year. Most of the rain falls during the summer months. In southern and eastern Ukraine very little rain falls on the steppes. This area may get less than 30 centimeters (12 inches) of rain each year. Hot, dry winds also blow across the steppes destroying crops and causing drought. Farmers here must rely on irrigation to water their crops.

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Learning About Ukraine's Climate: Student Activity 9

# Ukraine's Climate



Now you have read all about the climate in Ukraine.

How much do you remember?

Answer each question with a complete sentence. Use the information to locate your answers.

1. How many seasons take place in Ukraine and what are their names?

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2. What are the winters like in Ukraine?

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3. When does Ukraine receive most of its rainfall?

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4. Which area in Ukraine receives very little rain?

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5. What destroys crops growing on the steppes?

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6. What is a drought? Find out its meaning using a dictionary. Use the word "drought" in a complete sentence.

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7. Describe a continental climate.

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8. Describe a Mediterranean climate.

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