# IDS 274: Intro Ukrainian History & Culture

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## Geography

- Size: 603,700 Square Kilometers
  Location: East-Central Europe
  Borders:
  - Russia (north and northeast)
  - Belarus (north)
  - Poland (northwest and west)
  - Slovakia and Hungary (west)
  - Romania and Moldova (southwest)

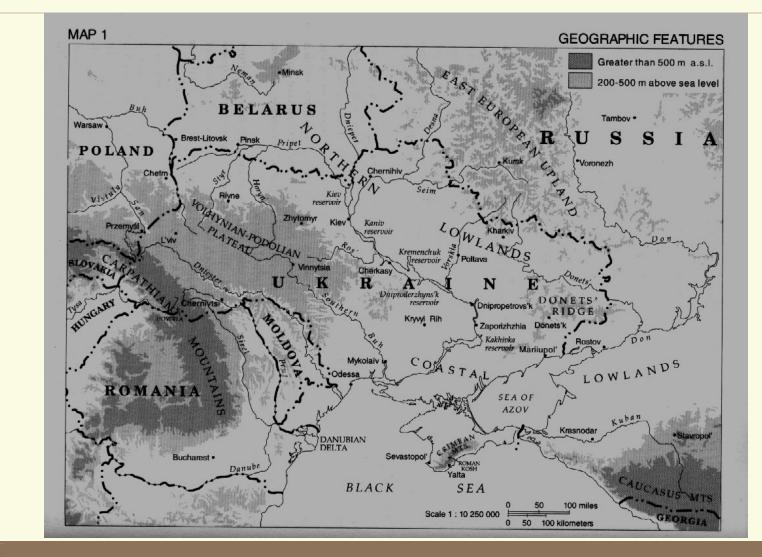
## Ukraine in Europe



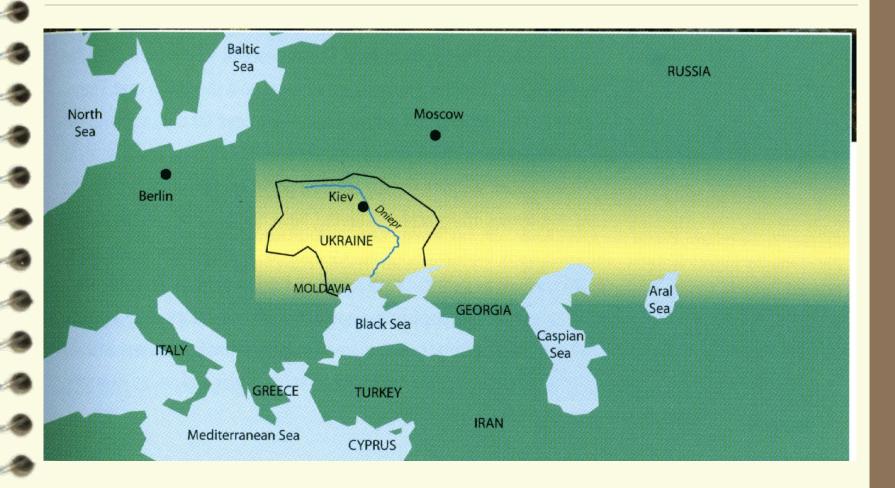
## **Physical Characteristics**

Dominated by plains and plateaus Lack of natural boundaries Western edge of Eurasian steppes West & southeast: plateaus & hills Mountains: 5% of territory Carpathian (west); Crimean (south)

## Physical Geography



## Eurasian Steppe Corridor



#### Natural Zones

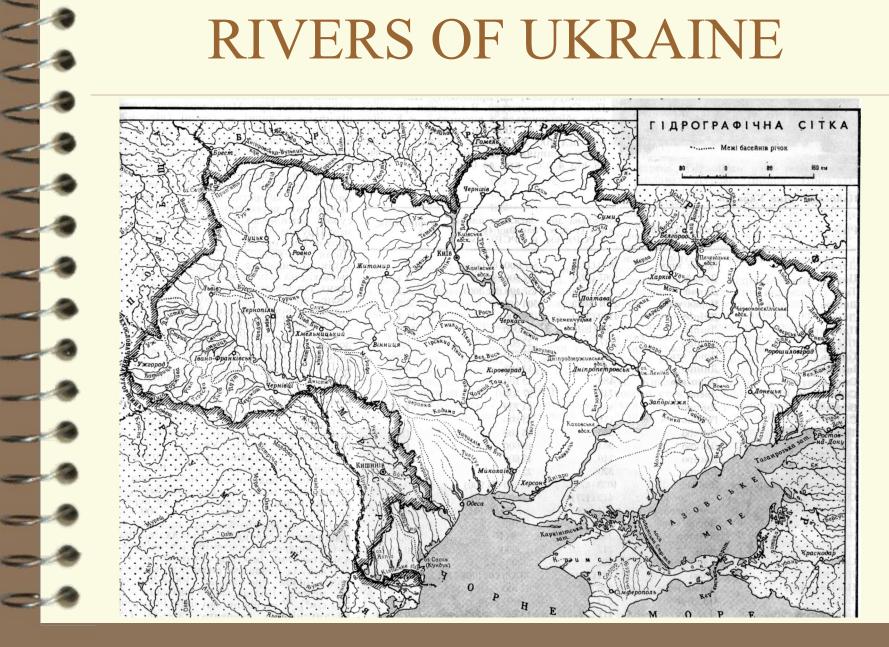
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### Rivers of Ukraine

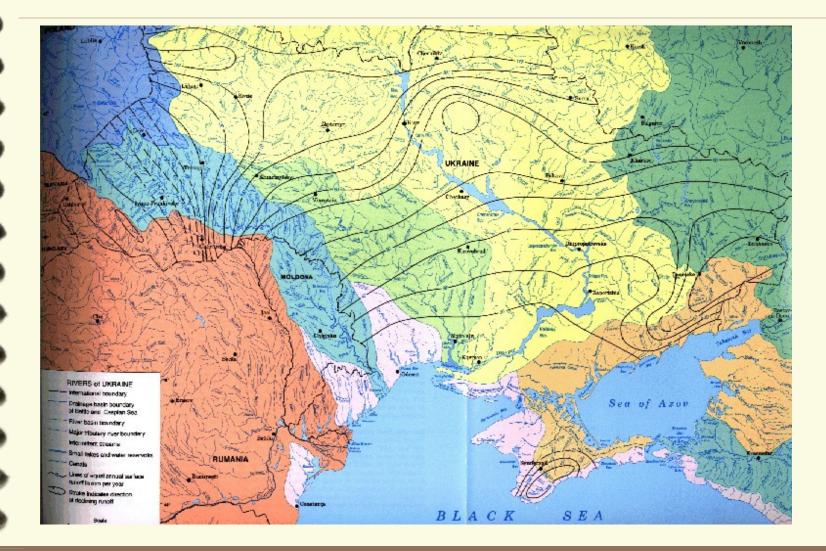
 North to south: Black & Azov seas
 Dnieper (Dnipro): Left & Right Bank; Prypiat & Desna

- Dniester (Dnister), Donets, Danube & Southern Buh (Boh)
- (Western) Buh and San flow north into the Vistula to Baltic Sea

#### **RIVERS OF UKRAINE**



#### Rivers of Ukraine



# Ukraine Between East and West

- West:
  - Europe
  - Contacts with Central Europe
  - Rome: Catholicism
  - East:
    - 🛛 Asia
    - Eurasian nomads or steppe peoples
    - Constantinople: Eastern Christianity

#### Ukraine as a Borderland

#### Physical geography:

- Parkland and Steppes
- Frontier Between Asia and Europe:
- Bosporus Sea, Don River, Ural mountains

#### Economy

- Farming and Settled Life
- Pastoral and Nomadic life

#### Ukraine as a Borderland

A Contact Zone A Conflict Zone The Shifting Frontier Conquest and Reconquest Tatars and Cossacks Kyiv: A Borderland City The Muslim World and Ukraine

### The Name Ukraine

Kraina: Country Kraiaty: To cut off  $\bigcup$  U(V) + Kraina: At the edge, border Ukraine: A borderland country Europe and the Steppe Peoples Poland and Russia European Union and Eurasia

### Dominant Theme

Battle with nomadic or steppe peoplesFrom a Ukrainian folk song:

 Woe to the poor gull
 That builds its nest at the edge of a welltraveled road

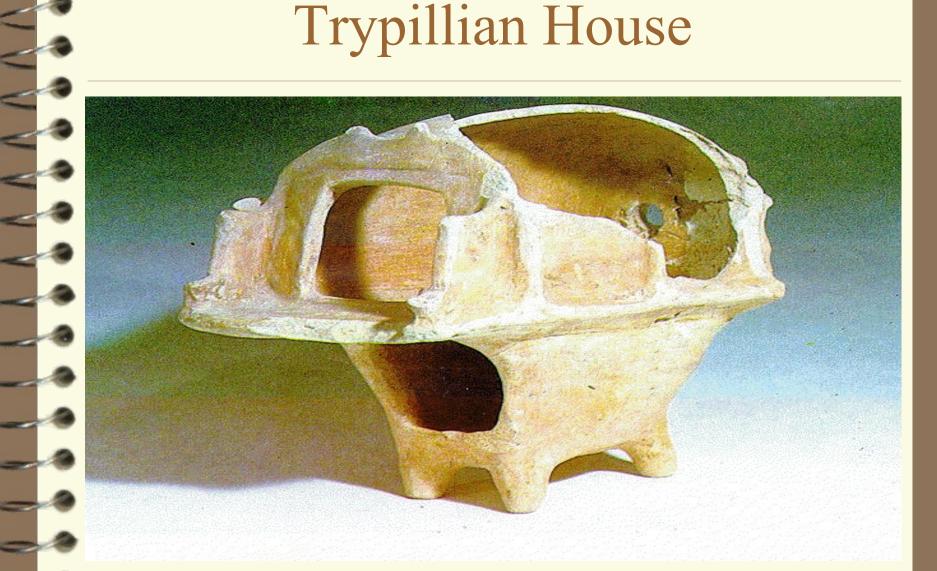
## **Trypillian Civilization**

Neolithic-Bronze Age 4500-2000 BC

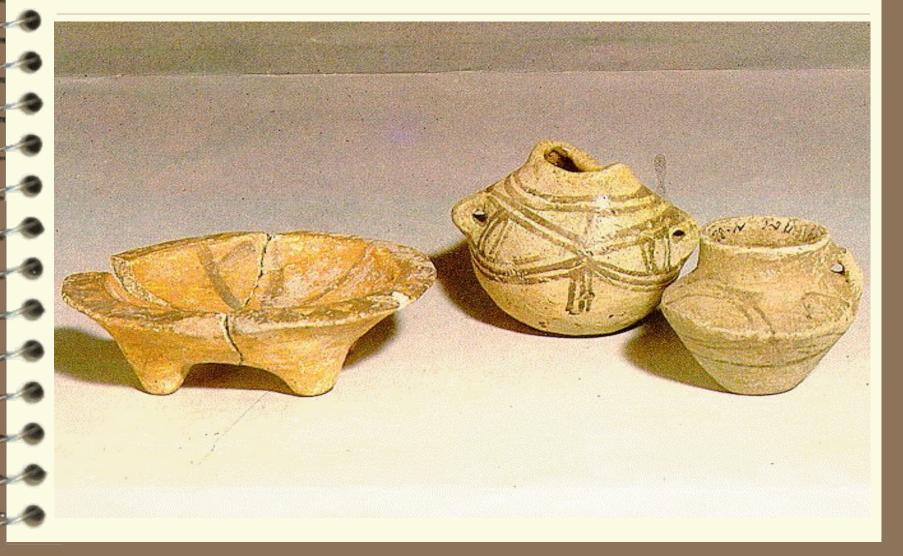
Primitive farmers and herders

Known for their ceramic wares

## Trypillian House



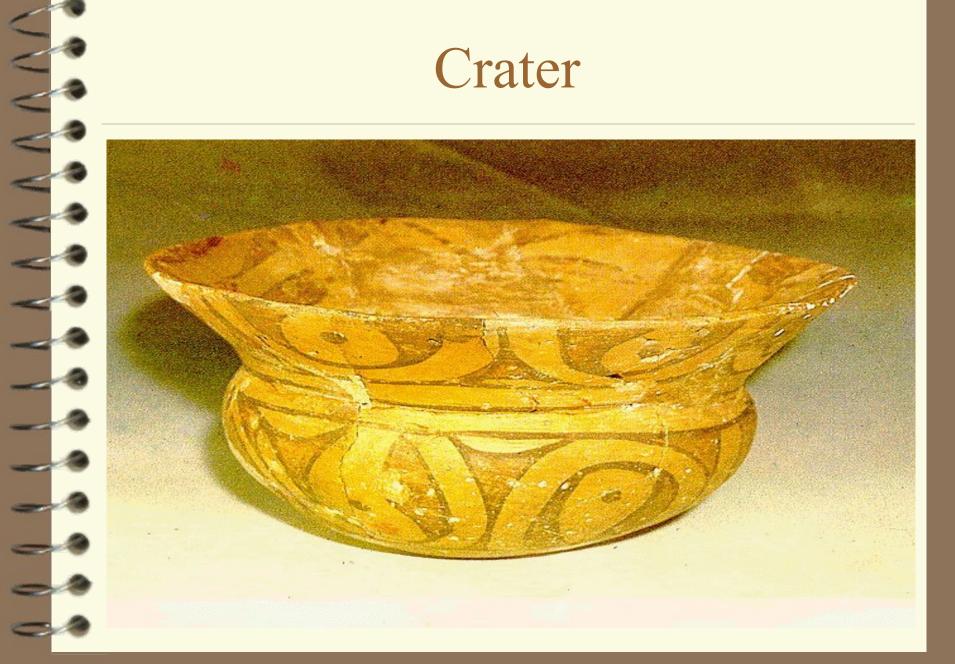
## **Trypillian Pottery**



## Cow and Sleigh



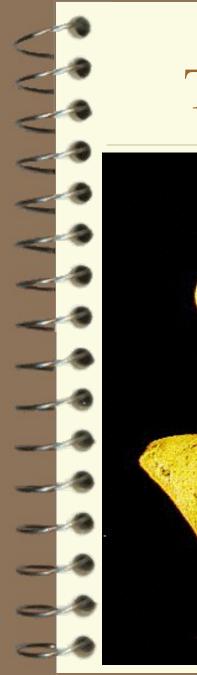






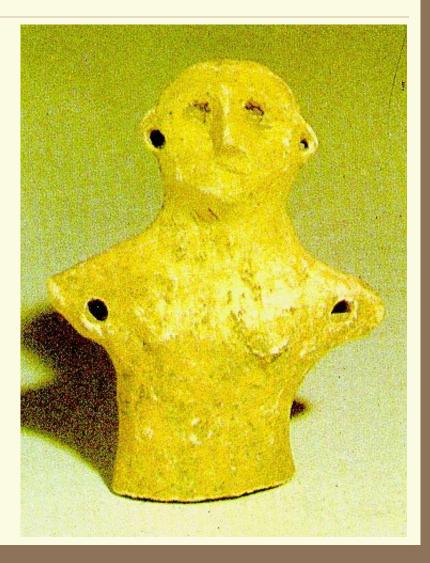
#### Trypillian Venus





## Trypillian Woman and Man





# Nomadic Peoples and Civilizations

- Cimmerians 1150-750 BC
- Scythians 750-250
  - Sarmatians 250 BC-250 AD
    - Roxolani
    - Alans
    - Antes

- Goths 250-375 AD
- Huns 375-550
- Avars 550-565
- Bulgars 575-650
- Khazars 650-900

Hinterland and coastal region

 Prevailing Pattern: symbiotic relationship
 Hinterland: agriculturalists ruled by nomadic elites

Coastal regions: Greek-Roman-Byzantine colonies

Independent or semi-independent cities, city-states or federations

## First Nomadic Civilizations

Cimmerians (1150-750 BC)
 Scythians (750-250 BC)

- Royalty
- Notables
- Agriculturalists
- Ploughmen

#### Scythians and Greeks







#### Detail from Pectoral



## Scythian patera

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### Greeks and Goths

Greeks: arrive in 8th c. BC Cities are centres of trade Bosporan kingdom (480 BC) Era of instability (250-650 AD) Goths: arrive from northwest Hermanaric (350-375) Accept Christianity (400)

## Byzantine Empire

Eastern Roman Empire (Greeks) Constantine: Christianity 312 AD & Constantinople 330 AD Stabilizes southern Ukraine 6th c. Justinian (527-565) Chersonesus: Centre of Christianity in Crimea

## Byzantine Empire (11th c.)

