CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

INVASION OF UKRAINE: A NATO PERSPECTIVE

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **Alliance** (n.) - A union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations.

2. **Deterrence** (n.) - The action of discouraging an action or event through instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

3. **Sphere of Influence** (n.) - A country or area in which another country has power to affect developments although it has no formal authority.

4. **Sanction** (n.) - A threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.

5. **Sovereignty** (n.) - The authority of a state to govern itself or another state.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

➢ What are sanctions? Why is the U.S. using sanctions against Russia in response to their invasion of Ukraine?

➢ What are the advantages and disadvantages of military alliances with other countries?

➢ What is the significance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the current conflict between Russia and the Ukraine?

➢ What is the U.S.'s role in NATO? Why are they positioned the way they currently are within the organization?

➢ What federal governing documents and rules grant or limit the U.S.'s involvement in international conflicts?

➢ What role does the Constitution play in the United States' position on the invasion of Ukraine?

➢ In your opinion, what is the role and the responsibilities of a federal government in protecting national security and a country's involvement in international conflict?