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WORD CHOICE + TRIGGERS

in the news



Part 1: Which of the following words* would you use to describe what's currently happening in Ukraine?

* Feel free to look up any that you are unfamiliar with.



- reunification
- conflict
- war
- invasion
- genocide

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Now look at the list of words again and label those that trigger the strongest emotions. Next, label the words that most imply blame.

Part 2: Let's take a deeper dive. Select another current event and then use the table below to analyze the words chosen for the event.



Event:

Word	Context <small>(copy the sentence in which the word appears)</small>	Source	What do you notice? What do you wonder?



Part 3: Reflection Questions:

- Why might journalists (and other content creators) select some words, instead of others when creating headlines (captions, etc.,) about this event?
- How might spreaders of dis- and mal- information use word choice to spread false or harmful information?

