

# BYkids

TAKE ACTION GUIDE:

**RETURN DATE: UNKNOWN**



## ABOUT THE FILM

Tymur Tsaplienko, 17, a Ukrainian refugee, helps us to begin to understand the impact of Russia's invasion on Ukraine's exiles as well as what led to this crisis. His film documents a reverse journey, from Germany through Poland, as Tymur travels to meet his father, who was injured in a Russian bombardment while reporting for a Ukrainian news channel and whom he hasn't seen in months. Along the way, he interviews other teenage refugees. Each conversation helps him understand the conflict and his own feelings toward it. Through Tymur's eyes we glimpse displays of human solidarity and even hope for a chance at a new life.

**"The process of making this movie was one of the most remarkable experiences of my life. The chance to tell my own story as well as the story of my nation, Ukraine, proved itself incredible. Working alongside my mentor, Rom Barnea, broadened my vision on filmmaking and storytelling, creating amazing emotions and days to remember." —Tymur Tsaplienko**

## REFLECT AND SHARE

1. What surprised you about the film? Why?
2. What did you learn from watching this film?
3. How is the filmmaker's life similar to yours? How is it different?
4. Did watching this film make you want to change your behavior or the behavior of others? How?
5. What can we learn from witnessing other people's stories?
6. What is your story? What would you like others to learn from you?

## LEARN MORE



Tymur Tsaplienko communicates with his family, his peers, his interview subjects and his audience as a form of therapy as he copes with the loss of his homeland, and with his worries over the safety of his family and friends in Ukraine. You can become an ally by learning more about the war in Ukraine. Scan this QR code to get started.

## TAKE ACTION



Tymur and his peers channel their feelings of hurt, fear and loss into creating change: finding ways to get involved, take a stand and make a difference. You can make a difference, too. Scan this QR code to lend a hand and participate.

## ABOUT BYKIDS

BYkids produces real-world films for kids, by kids. Talented young storytellers from around the world are paired with seasoned filmmakers to create powerful documentaries about their lives. In partnership with public television and education innovators, we share the films and their educational resources to help make global issues feel personal, relevant and actionable for millions of students. Our work serves as a catalyst for change, igniting important conversations and inspiring a new generation of social activists. To support our work, visit [bykids.org/donate/](https://bykids.org/donate/).

This guide was created and written by Big Picture Educational Consulting.