**Ethnic Conflict Project**

Group Assignment (groups of 3-4): Using the chart as a guide, you will prepare a “briefing report” on the ethnic conflict of your choice, as if you were a member of the State Department.

**10 points\_\_\_\_** Create and present a **group presentation** that is at least a minimum of 5 minutes and no more than 10 minutes long. It must accompany a PowerPoint (or Prezi) presentation where you brief the class on the ethnic conflict. You must discuss, based on your research, how you think the ethnic conflict will play out in your lifetime.

**10 points\_\_\_\_** **Works Cited** page: a list of all the websites (exact web address and date accessed), must use books, magazines and other sources you used to find information and images for your project. You must be more specific than just putting “Google”. You will turn this in to the teacher the day of your presentation.

**30 points\_\_\_\_** Create a **hand-out: (fill-in-blank note**s) for the class to complete while viewing your presentation (8-10 items on the hand-out to be completed by students). You must make enough copies for the class. If you need the teacher to make copies, you must give her the master copy.

**50 points\_\_\_\_** Create a POWERPOINT with your information to present to the class.

\_\_\_\_(15 points) \*Your PowerPoint includes at least three maps, graphics, or video (about

3 min. or less) that shows some spatial representation of the conflict and adds to the

understanding of the conflict

\_\_\_\_(20 points) \*Your PowerPoint adequately covers the information in the “Guiding

Questions” chart. It needs to creative. You may not just type the questions and answers from the chart.

\_\_\_\_(10 points) \* Your PowerPoint must address the different levels of scale (local,

regional, and global) when putting together your brief.

\_\_\_\_(5 points) \*Your PowerPoint must be entertaining and easy to read. Watch out for too much text! Just put the main idea and elaborate on it with your own words during the presentation. (In other words, don’t write everything you plan to say on the PowerPoint).

Individual Assignment:

**100 points\_**\_\_\_ **TEST GRADE**- A 3-4 page essay double spaced times new roman 12 summarizing your ethnic conflict and answering the questions from the chart to turn in through turnitin.com and use MLA or Turabian for citing sources. Each person in the group must submit this individually. Cover page and Bibliography do not count.

PAY ATTENTION TO SPELLING AND GRAMMAR!

Bosnian conflict 90’s

Congo (ONGOING)

Darfur/Chad & Sudan (ONGOING)

Gaza Strip and Gaza Strip current (ONGOING)

Kashmir

Kosovo

Kurds, Sunnis, Shiites (Iraq)

Lebanon

Mexico (Chiapas)

N. Ireland

Nigeria (Boko Haram)

Palestine/Israel (historical)

Russia (Chechnya)

Rwanda (historical)

Spain (Basque)

Spain (Catalonia)

Sri Lanka (Tamil)

South Africa (historical)

Yazidis by ISIL

Tibet

Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang

Some help for you and your group in starting the investigation …

The following Internet sites provide a wealth of information on world events and on Ethnic Conflicts:

http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home: The branch of the UN that deals with refugees and

human rights.

http://www.humansecuritygateway.info/index.php: Human Security report gateway. Excellent

resource.

Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity (INCORE): This organization sponsor research that deals

with conflict resolution, especially that of ethnic conflict.

European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI): A non-partisan, bi-national institution that attempts to

facilitate peaceful relations between ethnic groups.

Ethnic Conflict Research Digest: This site "publishes peer reviews of recently published books, journal

articles and research papers on the dynamics and management of ethnic conflict."

Human Rights Watch: An organization dedicated to the documentation and elimination of human rights

violations around the world.

http://atheism.about.com/library/FAQs/islam/countries/bl\_SudanRegionalism.htm: This site

contains information about ethnic conflict in Sudan, in addition to historical background.

Ethnic Conflict, Migration, and Nationalism: This site contains a number of links where visitors can gather

more information. Great comprehensive resource!

Ethnic Conflict: This is a collection of writings that deal with ethnic conflict.

World’s Apart: The Roots of Ethnic Conflict: http://www.britannica.com/worldsapart/

Ethnic Conflict in the Former Soviet Union:

http://cisac.stanford.edu/research/ethnic\_conflict\_in\_the\_former\_soviet\_union/

•http://www.washingtonpost.com [click on “world” in the news bar. When asked to register please do, it

is free!]

•www.nytimes.com [click on “world” and then use the site search engine. If asked to register please do, it

is free!]

•http://www.cnn.com [use the site search engine]

•http://www.bbc.co.uk [use the site search engine]

•http://www.state.gov/countries [click on Background Notes; Country Reports]

•http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/default.asp Newspapers from around the world. Pretty cool!

Click on the Regions drop down menu. Some foreign papers are printed in English. You have to check

them out to see which ones you can read.

Additional Sources …The map collection at the University of Texas Perry Castañeda Library is a great

place to start a search for maps:http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps

Country/Region:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| 1 | What lies at the root of  this conflict? How long  has there been tension or  conflict?(history,dates) |  |
| 2 | What form does this  conflict take (i.e., tension,  discrimination, open  violence)? |  |
| 3 | What is the spatial extent  of the conflict?(where?) |  |
| 4 | How many people have  been affected? In what  ways? |  |
| 5 | Examples of how this  conflict presents itself at a  global, regional and local  scale. (examples of all scales) |  |
| 6 | Include the following:  6a. Shape, size of country –  does that influence the  conflict? Kinds of boundaries  6b.Signs of devolution.  6c. Centrifugal/centripetal  forces  6d. Imperialism problems?  6e. Involvement of NATO or  UN?  6f. Decide what made it stay  together or not if current and predict what will happen.  Offer possible solutions |  |