

Final Project - Presentation

Modern Day Nationalism – Conflict and Conflict Resolution

As a final project we will examine modern day nationalism, current conflicts and conflict resolution. For your project you will research the history and nature of the conflict including: current issues, impact on people living in the area as well as the global impact. You will also make predictions for the future (one year, five years and beyond), make suggestions for compromise or conflict resolution and offer advantages and disadvantages for proposed solutions. Assigned topics will be researched and presented in groups of three or four.

Each project must include an oral/visual presentation to the class (may include video) and a hard copy position paper including bibliography. PowerPoint is preferred but not required. Your topic can be other than those listed below with teacher approval. Included is a suggested format but other approaches may be used.

Be creative. You can organize your presentation any way you want to. Make it interesting to others. Make sure you include the following topics. All members of the group must participate in the presentation.

1. Origin, nature and history of conflict -- this section will include:
 - Type of conflict
 - Level of conflict
 - Sources of conflict
 - Conflict escalation
2. Who is involved -- Why? Specifically – what leaders or groups represent opposing sides?
Do they take a hard or soft approach to resolution? Discuss specific examples.
3. Who is affected -- Why?
4. How are they impacted?
5. Efforts to resolve conflict
6. Possible solutions
 - A. Consequences of proposed solutions
 1. Advantages and disadvantages of each
 2. Solution you prefer and reasons why
7. Predictions for the future – 1 year, 5 years and beyond

Presentation must include a handout for each student such as:

Newsletter

Key points

PowerPoint notes

Booklet

Fill-in the blank

As a group, you must turn in a written report of items 1-7 and include references. Paper is due the day you present and should be turned in prior to presentation.

Possible Topics

Choose a specific region to research. Your topic must be specific enough to address conflict in the region.

NATIONALISM

Chechna	Iraq – Kurds/Kurdistan	Spain – Catalonia / Basque
Congo	Ireland	Country
East Timor	Korea	Sudan / Darfur
Germany	Middle East (specify region –	Taiwan – Nationalist China
Hong Kong	conflict)	Tibet
India/Pakistan	South Africa	

There are several other countries in conflict. See teacher for approval.

Check out:

The Nationalism Project - <http://www.nationalismproject.org/>

http://dir.yahoo.com/Social_Science/Political_Science/Political_Theory/Nationalism/

http://www.emulateme.com/vti_bin/shtml.exe/index.htm (requires log in)

Issues associated with nationalism may include:

Deforestation	Resource depletion (specific area)	Threatened Indigenous Peoples
Overpopulation	Supremacy groups	Violation of Human Rights
Refugees	Terrorism	Water

Check out:

http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Issues_and_Causes/Human_Rights/