

Unit 3 Culture - Ethnicity Case Studies

Directions: You will be completing a case study about ethnicity. The study has three parts. You may complete the assignment by yourself or you may work with one other person. Be sure to turn this sheet in with your assignment if it is collected at the end of the unit.

Study Requirements

- The study must be typed and submitted through word processor format.
- Websites need to be properly cited for each section at the end of each section.

Part I

1. Select three ethnic conflicts.
 - Basque Separatist Conflict (Spain)
 - Sri Lankan Civil War (Sinhalese-Tamil conflict)
 - Northern Ireland Conflict
 - Burma (Myanmar) Civil War (The Karen Conflict)
 - The Nationalist Movement in Quebec
 - Uyghur Separatist Conflict in Western China
2. Give a brief summary of each conflict, including:
 - Which ethnic groups are involved
 - Causes of the conflict (be specific- and remember, there are often multiple causes)

Rubric

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Three listed ethnic conflicts are identified. The ethnic groups involved and causes of conflict are identified for each group. Information is thorough and well explained. Information is properly cited.	Three listed ethnic conflicts are identified. The ethnic groups involved and causes of conflict are identified for each group. Information is properly cited.	Two listed ethnic conflicts are identified. The ethnic groups involved and causes of conflict are identified for each group. Information is properly cited.	One listed ethnic conflict is identified. The ethnic groups involved and causes of conflict are identified. Information is properly cited.	Some information is present but it is not clear and does not flow well with selected ethnic conflicts.

Part II

1. Western Europe is home to two of the world’s wealthiest countries: Switzerland and Belgium. Both are examples of multi-ethnic states; however, Belgium has a great deal of ethnic tension, while Switzerland is a good example of multi-ethnic cooperation.
 - What are the roots of the conflict in Belgium?
 - Why does Switzerland seem to be immune from ethnic conflict- despite the fact that it has more ethnic diversity than Belgium?

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The ethnic groups of each country are identified. The roots of conflict in Belgium are thoroughly explained making reference to historical and current issues. The lack of ethnic conflict in Switzerland is explained with historical and current references.	The roots of conflict in Belgium are thoroughly explained making reference to historical and current issues. The lack of ethnic conflict in Switzerland is explained with historical and current references.	The roots of conflict in Belgium are explained. The lack of ethnic conflict in Switzerland is explained. Historical and/or current references may or may not be present.	The roots of conflict in Belgium are explained. The lack of ethnic conflict in Switzerland is explained.	Some information is present but it is not clear and does not flow well and may not address the questions.

Part III

1. Research one ethnic neighborhood in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.
 - Little Saigon in Westminster
 - Koreatown
 - Boyle Heights (Latino community)
 - Chinatown
 - Leimart Park Village
 - Little Tokyo
2. Give a brief history of the ethnic neighborhood.
3. Why are ethnic neighborhoods beneficial? In what ways do they cause problems?

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