

## Political Hot Spots

You are to provide your classmates with an explanation of your selected Hot Spot. Your group of 4 students will choose from a teacher provided list of world conflicts. You will prepare a presentation on your topic. You will address a series of topics to guide your presentation.

### Project Guidelines

**You will present the following areas for your Hot Spot**

#### Overview of topic: 25 points

World map showing the relative location of states involved

Regional/local map-details of borders/conflict areas/resources/anything else relevant to the conflict

Provide relevant background information to this conflict and explain the significance of the events.

Who is involved?

What does each party want to achieve? Explain thoroughly.

Why are they fighting?

If this is a boundary dispute, is it a positional, territorial, resource or functional dispute? Explain.

#### Type of state: 5 points

Classify each involved party as a nation-state, multinational, multiethnic, or stateless nation.

Explain and justify.

Classify the type of government of each involved government. Who are the current heads of state?

#### Shape of state: 10 points

Classify the shape of the states involved in the conflicts. Discuss whether the shape helps, hinders, or has no effect on the conflict

Types of boundaries

Identify the type of boundary, is it a natural or cultural/genetic boundary? (antecedent, subsequent, superimposed or relic)

Discuss any changes being proposed or discussed

#### Forces: 10 points

Identify and explain at least THREE CENTRIPEDAL FORCES for each party involved and explain how they affect the conflict

Identify and explain at least THREE CENTRIFUGAL FORCES for each party involved and explain how they affect the conflict

#### Outside influences: 10 points

Any organizations/alliances involved in the conflict? (ex: United Nations)

What is their role?

What is their motivation for involvement?

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#### Submit in writing: Group opinion: 20 points

What are the main challenges in bringing the conflict to a peaceful resolution? Explain.

What do you think the likely outcome will be? Explain why.

If you disagree with your group, or your group is divided, you may provide a dissenting opinion.

Please make sure you are including your analysis of WHY you believe this will be the outcome.

You will prepare a digital presentation addressing all of the issues listed above the line. Your presentation must be *no longer* than 20 minutes. Your group will be assessed on the quality of your information as well as individually on the quality of your presentation skills (20 points). Please refer to the presentation guidelines discussed in class. You will submit a group opinion (including a dissenting opinion if your group is split) as well as a bibliography (5 points). The Group Opinion should be about a page long (single spaced). Please use multiple paragraphs. Your bibliography must include a minimum of five different, reputable sources and be in MLA format (Not your textbook). You will be provided with time to research and work with your group. Any misuse of that time will be deducted from your total score.