

Scarsdale High School
World History II
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Nationalism Research paper

Over the last three hundred years, across the globe, different peoples have established new visions of nationalism and what it means to be a part of a nation. At times these nationalist desires have unified and emboldened people to new heights, while elsewhere they have become seeds of discord. Contemporaneous with this momentum, many countries have sought to modernize their state governments, with nationalism often either assisting or challenging this progress.

Your task is to research and argue upon a specific topic related to these trends of nationalism and/or state building in a modern context. You are STRONGLY encouraged to choose a country not typically addressed in the standard curriculum. Additionally, I am asking that you do NOT select a country with which you already have a strong connection. Your topic cannot be about the United States either. The paper should ultimately be 5 to 7 pages in length.

Research component: You should use multiple types of resources to fully address the task which will be described to you in our days spent at the library. You will be required to use at least six scholarly sources drawn from either print material or periodicals/articles. Internet sources are additionally acceptable, but must be scholarly and legitimate.

Source component: You will need to incorporate appropriate in-text citations and/or footnotes as will be discussed and practiced in class.

Due dates to be discussed and presented in class

Pre-approved:

To what extent has *Brazil* been able to create a well-functioning state?

To what extent has nationalism positively or negatively impacted the functioning of the state government in *Belgium*?

To what extent have social and/or economic pressures impacted the functioning of the state in *Rwanda*?

To what extent is the *Scottish* independence movement based in legitimate claims for nationhood?

To what extent is the *Catalonian* independence movement based in legitimate claims for nationhood?

To what extent is the *Kurdish* independence movement based in legitimate claims for nationhood?

To what extent has social division led to a dysfunctional state in *Ukraine*?

To what extent has *Germany* attempted to amplify or lessen the impacts of nationalism?

Fill in the blank:

To what extent has _____ been able to create a well-functioning state?

To what extent has nationalism positively or negatively impacted the functioning of the state government in _____?

To what extent have social and/or economic pressures impacted the functioning of the state in _____?

To what extent is the _____ independence movement based in legitimate claims for nationhood?

To what extent has social division led to a dysfunctional state in _____?

To what extent has _____ attempted to amplify or lessen the impacts of nationalism?

Or question of a your own design