

Ethnicity Key Issue 4

What is Ethnic Cleansing?

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1. When boundaries were redrawn in Europe after World War II, what was the effect on various ethnic groups?

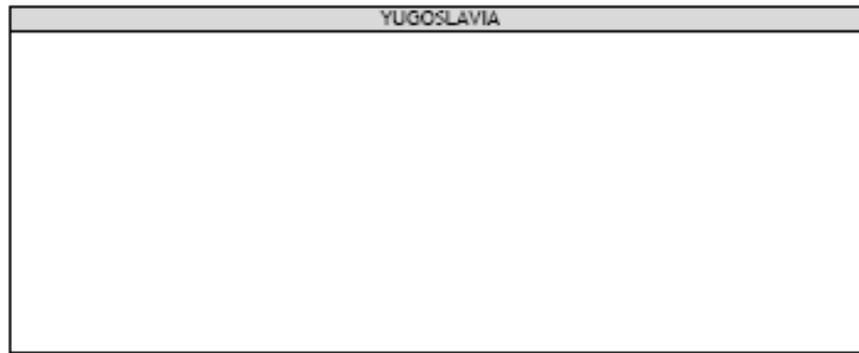
2a. Define the term **ethnic cleansing**:

2b. How is ethnic cleansing different than normal warfare?

• ETHNIC CLEANSING IN YUGOSLAVIA

3. List the countries of the Balkan Peninsula.

4. List important/interesting facts regarding the creation of the post-WWI country of Yugoslavia



5a. Regarding the Yugoslav refrain that was common during the rule of Josip Tito, identify the following:
Yugoslavia's

• FIVE NATIONALITIES...

• FOUR LANGUAGES...

• THREE RELIGIONS...

• TWO ALPHABETS...

5b. Describe the distribution of various ethnic groups, nationalities and religions compared/contrasted with the Balkan states in Figure 7-22.

6. What ethno-political problems did the country face after the death of Tito in the 80's and fall of communism in the 90's?

7. Why did Serbs and Croats in Bosnia (aka Bosnia-Herzegovina) ethnically cleanse themselves of Bosnian Muslims?

8a. What was agreed upon at the accords signed between these rival ethnicities in Dayton, Ohio in 1996?

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8b. Who got the best deal? the worst? Explain.

9. Regarding the region of **KOSOVO**...

a. What country and ethnicity controls it today?

b. What ethnic group lives in Kosovo (and %)?

c. with the breakup of Yugoslavia, what began to happen in Kosovo?

d. How did the US and UN respond?

10. What is the meaning of the terms

• *balkanized*:

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11. If peace comes to the Balkan Peninsula in the next few years, why will it be “in a tragic way,” according to the author of the textbook?

• **ETHNIC CLEANSING IN CENTRAL AFRICA**

12. Give the historical background of the two rival groups of Central Africa’s countries of Rwanda and Burundi.

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13. Who were the colonial powers over Rwanda and Burundi? How did they reinforce ethnic rivalries there?

14. What happened when independence came to the countries?

15. How did the problem spread to Zaire?

16. How did Angola, Namibia, and Zimbabwe and other countries come to be involved?

17. What is the situation today?