Case Studies: Story-telling in Human Geography

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Objectives:

The student will....

- 1. develop the background set of elements within a broader context, i.e. the background is the link to the general topic of study
- 2. acquire key understandings essential to decision making.
- 3. collect and review geographic information from multiple sources, i.e. journals, media sources, opinion editorials, maps, data sets
- 4. evaluate sources for accuracy, bias, understanding and relevancy

Materials:

This will depend on how you want students to develop and present the case study.

Periodicals with an applicable focus: Newsweek, Time, World & I, Economist, National Geographic, among many others...

News sources: New York Times, London Times, Washington Post; CNN, MSN, USA Today, **On line sources**: Lexis-Nexis, Infotrac, Worldpress.org, CNNfn- CNN financial Network, CNN, Associated Press, MSN, Nationalgeographic.com/news/, PBS, Reuters, World News.com,

Directions

Depending on the criteria for the presentation, students will research sources, and topics to address the topic of the case-study. See suggested format for design. The teacher will need to address the specific particulars as desired.

Assessment & design

Requirements for all case studies:

- 1. Create an identity
 - a. Photos of the conflict/topic- reflective at different scales
 - b. Maps at appropriate scale- est. the location, where...
- 2. Outlines of events/conflicts/topic
 - a. Geographic perspective