Example Outline for Background paper on Iqua (a fictitious Middle East nation)

Title: **Iqua - Millenniums of Greatness**

I. Introduction
   A. opening quote by Isma pa Akne “Our independence… Our history…”
   B. greatness of our nation and modern conflict
   C. transition to ancient history

II. Ancient History of Iqua
   A. the Iqua people at 400 BC
      1. ancient migrations
      2. settlement
      3. quote from Isma pa Akne on importance of settlement and agriculture
      4. map – ancient & modern (www.iquamapmuseum.org/ancient_modern/pdf)

III. Importance of Geography
   A. river settlements
   B. the Lionus
   C. the Urnu peoples

IV. Through the Centuries
   A. empires that controlled Iqua
      1. the ancient Hebrews
         a. 26 BC to 34, enslavement and independence
         b. story about killing Urdu leaders
         c. quote from pa Akne on “Zionism through the ages”
      2. Romans and Byzantine empires
         a. 200 BC – 150 short explanation
         b. commentary on independence
      3. Islam
         a. greatness of Islam
         b. 718 introduction at Hamedijan, spread to Castimo and East
         c. connect to today and state religion
      4. Ottomans
      5. transition to colonialism with quote about nationalism

V. Colonialism and Independence
   A. British and French involvement, 1919-22
      1. the Smith letter
   B. British oil interests and AVCOE
   C. WWII and the Arab League
      1. Ikna al Akne and the resistance movement
   D. 1951 and independence
      1. post independence politics
         a. from monarchy to the constitution
         b. influence of the constitution
   E. Isma pa Akne in the military
VI. Government
A. leadership
   1. the Coup of 1962
   2. Isma pa Akne as President, chosen by the people
   3. East/West and the arms supply
B. the current political situation
   1. dictatorship criticism rebutted (Quote on dictatorship from British leader?)
   2. human rights
      a. refuting Amnesty International report
      b. “our rights…” quote from web site (www.iqua.gov/president/rights)

VII. Ethnicity and Religion
A. minority religions
   1. the Quans
   2. the Jews
   3. the Druze
B. potential for civil war
   1. quote from Isma pa Akne
C. Sunni/Shiite conflict
   1. class conflict, goal of classless society
   2. influence of Iran

VIII. the Economy
A. oil wealth and modernization
B. social change and conflict
   1. 1987 riots in Ade Nak (subversives and “outside influence”)
   2. national debt and food subsidies
      a. the IMF and World Bank (blame the U.S.)
C. perspectives on the future
   1. long quote from professor Mohammad A. Bramd ((www.cairouniv.edu)
   2. Isma pa Akne quote “As long as the people…”

IX. Introduce Issues for Next paper
A. the Zionist threat
B. threats from the West
   1. “neo colonialism”
   2. the U.S. in the Middle East
      a. quote from Hezbollah leader Nazrallah, “when the capitalist West…”
C. Arab nationalism
   1. Isma pa Akne quote about standing up to foreign influence