

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.iqna.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