Damir Niksic-If I wasn't Muslim
Assignment-Social Justice Ceramics, Part 1

• Explore Social Justice Art-Balkans libguide

• Review graphic novels on Balkan War

• Conceive of social justice issues you are passionate about

• Make 10 drawings of ideas for a ceramic piece about a social justice issue

• Share with your group for feedback

• Revise drawings after feedback
Assignment-Social Justice Ceramics, Part 2

• Make model of ceramic piece

• Share with your group for feedback

• Make final piece

• Share with class in critique
Resources

WHY BOSNIA? Writings on the Balkan War

Edited by Rabia Ali & Lawrence Lifschultz. Stony Creek, Conn.: Pamphleteer Press, 1993

Excellent collection of essays, articles and poetry on Bosnia, very much from the Bosnian advocacy point of view, ranging from work by Christopher Hitchens and David Rieff, and a Vanity Fair piece, to articles by Balkan writers like Ivo Banac, Slavenka Draculic, and Kemal Kuršpahic. A key text and an ideal starting point.

A portion of proceeds will go to a fund for the reconstruction of Sarajevo's National Library.

THE FALL OF YUGOSLAVIA: THE THIRD BALKAN WAR


A journalist give his first-hand glimpse into the mentality, personalities and behaviors of the leaders of the Balkan Wars. Excellent on history and politics. Virtually unique in the evenhandedness of its perspective.
SARAJEVO: A WAR JOURNAL

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: ATLAS OF WAR AND PEACE

A WITNESS TO GENOCIDE

Compiled from the reporter's Pulitzer Prize-winning Newsday articles on Serb "ethnic cleansing" and genocide in Bosnia. From November 1991 to June 1993, Gutman chronicles the progress of an abomination: freight trains packed with helpless human beings; the tortured, raped, and mutilated bodies; death camps; and a section of the systematic destruction of culture (pp. 77-83): "Unholy War: Serbs Target Culture and Heritage of Bosnia's Muslims." An indispensable reminder of the nature of the war.

SARAJEVO DAILY: A CITY AND ITS NEWSPAPER UNDER SIEGE
LETTERS FROM SARAJEVO: VOICES OF A BESIEGED CITY


BOSNIA: A SHORT HISTORY


THE BRIDGE ON DRINA


An epic, graphic and frightening novel by a Nobel Prize-winning author, the story of the Serbs' centuries-long, often brutal subjugation and occupation by Turkish invaders, now sometimes used as a justification for Serbian nationalism and retribution against Bosnian Muslims.

GENOCIDE IN BOSNIA: THE POLICY OF 'ETHNIC CLEANSING'

THE BALKAN EXPRESS: FRAGMENTS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF WAR

HABITS OF THE BALKAN HEART: SOCIAL CHARACTER AND THE FALL OF COMMUNISM

SUMMER IN THE BALKANS: LAUGHTER AND TEARS AFTER COMMUNISM

THE IMPOSSIBLE COUNTRY: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAST DAYS OF YUGOSLAVIA.

A PAPER HOUSE: THE ENDING OF YUGOSLAVIA
SARAJEVO: EXODUS OF A CITY

SARAJEVO: A PORTRAIT OF THE SIEGE

BROKEN BONDS: YUGOSLAVIA'S DISINTEGRATION AND BALKAN POLITICS IN TRANSITION

THE BALKANIZATION OF THE WEST

MASS RAPE: THE WAR AGAINST WOMEN IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA: A TRADITION BETRAYED

ISLAM UNDER THE DOUBLE EAGLE: THE MUSLIMS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, 1878-1914

HISTORY OF THE BALKANS
Vol. 1, 18th and 19th Century; Vol. 2, 20th Century

SERBS AND CROATS; THE STRUGGLE IN YUGOSLAVIA

ZLATA'S DIARY: A CHILD'S LIFE IN SARAJEVO (Journal de Zlata.)
EUROPEAN MOSLEMS: ECONOMY AND ETHNICITY IN WESTERN BOSNIA

BALKAN GHOSTS: A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY

THE ROAD FROM PARADISE: PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRACY IN EASTERN EUROPE

BLACK LAMB AND GREY FALCON: A JOURNEY THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA
A vast, detailed, insightful memoir compiled during a lifelong love affair with the area, considered definitive for the time.

BALKAN BABEL: THE DISINTEGRATION OF YUGOSLAVIA FROM THE DEATH OF TITO TO ETHNIC WAR
DESTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAVIA: TRACKING THE BREAKUP 1980-92

ETHNIC NATIONALISM: THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YUGOSLAVIA

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLES

MY NATIVE LAND

THE NATIONAL QUESTION IN YUGOSLAVIA: ORIGINS, HISTORY AND POLITICS
"Go to the Balkans, Cyrus. That will be the most interesting place." Heeding the advice of a Czech head of state, Sulzberger embarked on a decades-long exploration of the region and was invariably the on-site chronicler of European history in the making. Substantial sections of this journalist's memoirs deal in detail with the former Yugoslavia. "For that was a fine time and a fine place to be," Sulzberger writes in his introduction.

FILMS & DOCUMENTARIES

The Perfect Circle

Grbavica: The Land of my Dreams (2006)

For Those Who Can Tell No Tales (2013)

No Man’s Land (2001)

An Episode in the Life of an Iron Picker (2013)

Houston, We have a problem (2017)
Grading Rubric

Grade will be calculated on the basis of your effort towards fulfilling all parts of the assignment.

1. 10 sketches 20%
2. Group participation 20%
3. Revised sketches 20%
4. Model 20%
5. Final piece 20%