

Activity Four: The Quest for Purity

INDIVIDUAL REPORT

Throughout history, many nations have sought to create ethnic and/or cultural purity within their borders through the use of closed borders, “ethnic cleansing”, and/or genocide. How does this quest for ethnic purity cause nationalism to be a “double-edged sword”?

Individual Report Evaluation Criteria

Your report should:

- Clearly define the 3 methods nations have used to achieve ethnic purity within their borders.
- Give and describe specific historical examples for each of these methods.
- Give at least three reasons why nations have used these methods to try to achieve ethnic purity within their borders.
- Explain your opinion of what the response of the international community should be to each of these 3 methods.
- Explain how the quest for ethnic purity causes nationalism to be a “double-edged sword”.

Nationalism: The “Double-edged Sword

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