Ultranationalism and Crimes Against Humanity

Social 20

**Background:** Read p. 160-162 together + p. 163-77

**Task:** Research an example of genocide / ethnic cleansing Unfortunately, there are many examples of genocide / ethnic cleansing, both historical and contemporary. To better understand the role ultranationalism plays in causing genocide / ethnic cleansing, learn about one example, including its roots, events and aftermath. Complete your research, as laid out in the steps below to answer the essential question below:

**Choose:** Select a case study Each of the following is an example of genocide or ethnic cleansing. You may use your phones or computers to review the historical even prior to choosing. **Note:** All the following case studies involve disturbing events. Maturity, thoughtfulness and sensitivity are expected as you investigate each story.

 the Holocaust

 Ukrainian famine

 Iraq’s attack on the Kurds

 Armenia genocide in Turkey

 Sri Lanka (Tamils)

 Cambodian killing fields

 Rwanda

 Bosnia

 Rape of Nanjing

 Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

 Sudan

 Other……see textbook

**Research:** 1. Complete research on your assigned event.

**2.** Use the **questions** below to guide your research and summarize your findings.

**3.** Do not forget to make a list of the sources you use so you can cite them in your presentation.

**4.** For your culminating assignment, you will need to present the roots, events and aftermath of the event, so be sure to collect relevant and powerful information.

**Questions**: These must be answered directly as part of your presentation.

**Background:**

1. What history leads up to the event?
2. Where has it been happening?
3. Who has been involved?
4. What are the long-term factors / causes of the event?
5. What are the immediate factors / causes of the event?
6. Are there any long-standing or unresolved issues involved?
7. To what extent was ultranationalism involved in causing the event? Explain.

**Events:**

1. Explain the events that are directly part of the genocide; e.g., people, dates, places, actions.
2. What were the primary goals and interests of those who committed the atrocities?
3. Did the world respond? If so, how? If not, why not?
4. To what extent was ultranationalism involved during the event? Explain.

**Aftermath:**

1. How did the event end?
2. What resolution, if any, was reached?
3. What has the situation been like since the genocide?
4. In hindsight, how could the genocide have been prevented?
5. To what extent was ultranationalism involved after the event? Explain.