Mr. Cass: Critical Thinking Final Exam 2014

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**Geographical Hot Spots That Need Cooling**

For your final exam, you will choose a geographic “hot spot” around the world and create a 2 page typed outline of the issue as well as a multi-media presentation that will teach the class about the conflict – as well as offer possible solutions. You will work alone or with one classmate.

* You will need to incorporate the OPTIC technique below as well as your Deconstruction, Reconstruction, Reflection and Collaborative skills.
* You will include two maps: one at the world scale/ and one at the regional scale of your conflict(s).
* To demonstrate your research of the “hotspot” you will attach 5 comprehensive articles on the one crisis you analyzed using the **OPTIC** technique. These articles should be articles that display differing perspectives, they should be scholarly articles, essays, research papers, or, articles from media sources that are research based, yet easy to read. Your written analysis should follow the **OPTIC** outline below:
* **O = Overview of Article**
* **P = Pertinent perspectives that help explain the issue from all sides of the problem**
* **T= Title and author**
* **I = Implications (Inferences) that can be made from the article(s)**
* **C =Conclusion. So why is this issue important? What is the big deal? What can be done to solve the problem? What has to happen in order for the solution to actually work long term?**

**NOTE:** Please staple all materials below:

* + Your 2 page outline of the “hotspot.”
		- All written material must be in MLA format
		- All research must be cited in MLA format
	+ Your 5 articles of research
	+ Your Deconstruction, Reconstruction, and Reflection of the “hotspot.”
		- Your DRR should be a one page initial analysis prior to research
		- Collaboration and Communication will be in the form of a presentation