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**Unit 4: Political Organization of States – Stateless Nations**

**Task:**

* Research defining characteristics of selected stateless nations from various regions. Use the instructions to create a research report.

**Basic Requirements:**

* You can work in groups of 2-3 people, but choose your group wisely!
* A hard copy must be turned in with the rubric attached.
* Websites need to be cited for each section at the end of each section using MLA format.

**Stateless Nations:**

*SET ONE*

* Kurds
* Basques
* Flemish
* Zulu
* Palestinians

*SET TWO*

* Bedoon
* Hmong
* Sahrawi
* Catalan
* Rohingya

**Specifics:**

Write a full synopsis about six of the stateless nations listed above. Choose three from each set. Do not cut and paste paragraphs from various websites. Do not use Wikipedia, ASK, or Dictionary.com or other non-scholarly websites as a source. Start with Media Center databases (Like Global Issues in Context, CultureGrams Online, or JSTOR).

**Be sure to include ALL of the following information in each paragraph:**

* Brief history (including why the group is stateless)
* Population size (most recent data available)
* Location (specific countries or regions)
* Language
* Religion/belief system
* The name of their state (if they could have/want their own nation-state)
* Solution to statelessness (either from the stateless people themselves, supranational organizations, or your own ideas)

*Search Ideas: UNHCR “Stateless People”, Stateless Nations Geopolitics EU. Also look for news/journal articles under “stateless people” rather than just “stateless nation”.*

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| **Paragraph**  **(for each stateless nation)** | The synopsis contains accurate information that displays an understanding of history, population size, location, language, religion/belief system, solution to statelessness, and name of the stateless nation. | The synopsis contains mostly accurate information that displays information about all or almost all of history, population size, location, language, religion/belief system, solution to statelessness, and name of the stateless nation. | The synopsis contains information that displays an understanding of history, population size, location, language, religion/belief system, solution to statelessness,and name of the stateless nation. Two of the above pieces of information may be missing. | The synopsis contains information that displays an understanding of history, population size, location, language, religion/belief system, solution to statelessness, and name of the stateless nation. Three of the above pieces of information may be missing. | The synopsis contains information about history, population size, location, language, religion/belief system, solution to statelessness, and name of the stateless nation. Three or more of the pieces of information are missing. |

**Deductions (up to 25%):**

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