



## Seventh Grade

### Cabinet Room Simulation: *The Crisis in Kosovo*

As they assembled around the long table of the Cabinet Room, President Clinton, his Cabinet secretaries, and other government officials made tough choices about the nation's future. We invite students to experience these high-level negotiations through a classroom activity that allows them to play the roles of Presidential advisors. The program is one hour and includes a 30 minute tour.

*\*\* The items in **bold** within each framework standard are areas that will be primarily emphasized during the presentation, other areas listed may possibly be addressed.*

#### Social Studies Frameworks

##### World in Spatial Terms

Students will interpret spatial information using geographic representations.

- WST.1.7.4 **Analyze how environmental and *cultural characteristics* of *places* and *regions* have changed over time**

Students will analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth's surface.

- WST.2.7.2 **Compare *spatial connections* among people, *places*, and their environments over time**

Students will analyze regions created through cultural, human, and physical characteristics.

- WST.3.7.1 **Analyze the combinations of physical and human characteristics that make *places* and *regions* similar to and different from other *places* and *regions***
- WST.3.7.2 **Analyze perceptions people have of *places* and *regions* around the world based on direct experiences (e.g., living in a *place*, travel) and indirect experiences (e.g., media, books, family, friends)**

##### Human Systems

Students will analyze the demographics and migration of human population and settlement over time.

- HS.5.7.1 **Examine the variations of populations in different *places* and *regions* using *demographics***
- HS.5.7.2 **Analyze *spatial patterns* and consequences of settlement and migration (e.g., voluntary and involuntary, seasonal, short- and long-term migration, *push- pull- factors*)**

Students will evaluate the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of cultural regions.

- HS.6.7.1 **Examine the *cultural characteristics* of various *regions* (e.g., celebrations, language, child-rearing, clothing, food, beliefs, behaviors)**
- HS.6.7.2 **Analyze reasons for and effects of *cultural diffusion*, *cultural convergence*, and *cultural divergence* in and across various *regions***

Students will analyze patterns and networks of economic interdependence among regions.

- HS.7.7.2 Compare advantages and disadvantages of one location over another in the access to *factors of production* (e.g., human resources, natural resources, capital resources, entrepreneurship)
- HS.7.7.3 **Analyze movements of people, products, and ideas through transportation and communication networks and how they vary among *regions* (e.g., regional, global)**

Students will analyze causes and effects of cooperation and conflict among people.

- HS.8.7.1 Examine physical and human characteristics that influence the division and control of Earth's surface (e.g., resources, land use, ethnicity, national identities)

### Environment and Society

Students will analyze the interactions between humans and the environment.

- ES.9.7.1 **Examine ways people have adapted to the physical environment over time (e.g., technology, habitation, transportation, agriculture, communication)**
- ES.9.7.2 Describe symbiotic relationships between humans and their physical environments
- ES.9.7.3 Analyze positive and negative consequences of human changes on the physical environment
- ES.9.7.4 Examine human induced changes in one *place or region* and its effects on other *places or regions* (e.g., flood control, deforestation, factories, electric power generation)

Students will evaluate patterns of change and continuity in the distribution and consumption of resources.

- ES.10.7.1 Explain how culture has influenced decisions about the use of resources over time
- ES.10.7.2 Examine physical and human processes that influence formation and *sustainability* of resources
- ES.10.7.3 Evaluate the *sustainability* of resources achieved through civic actions

## Speaking and Listening Frameworks

### Comprehension and Collaboration

- SL.7.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions with diverse partners on Grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- SL.7.1.B **Follow rules for *collegial discussions*, track progress toward specifically set goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.**
- SL.7.1.C **Pose questions that elicit elaboration and respond to others' questions and comments with relevant observations and ideas that bring the discussion back on topic as needed.**
- SL.7.1.D Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views.

## Language Arts Frameworks

## Conventions of Standard English

- L.7.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking as appropriate for Grade 7.

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