

## Nepal Constitution Building Assignment

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

In 2008 the Himalayan nation of Nepal is drafting a new constitution with the goal of providing the country with a stable democracy that reflects the concept of popular sovereignty. This poses a challenge in a nation of great ethnic and social diversity. You will be assigned a special interest group whose concerns you will represent in the Constituent Assembly charged with the responsibility of approving the final constitution.

There are two parts to this assignment, one oral and one written.

**Oral Presentation Research** the position of your group and their concerns. Compose a constitutional amendment that resolves a major concern of your group (ex. Environmentalists who feel addressing deforestation should be a priority of new government). Introduce yourselves to the class (Constituent Assembly) and explain the perspective of your special interest group. Establish the challenge facing Nepal and the constitutional proposal to address the issue. Successful presentations will clearly articulate links between the well being of Nepal as a whole and the resolutions proposed. Be prepared to respond to any questions members of the class may put to you regarding the merits or problems your resolution may cause.

Names of people in group. 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Interest Group \_\_\_\_\_

What is the nature of the challenge or issue for your group?

Describe your proposal.

Explain why the Constituent Assembly should support your amendment.

**Written Assignment** The second component of this activity is for EACH student to write a 1 ½ to 2 page essay identifying their interest group and their area of concern. This essay should explain the significance of this challenge to the people and future of Nepal and outline their constitutional amendment. It is a requirement of this assignment that students reference the UN'S Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as any other sovereign nation's constitution as a precedent and foundation for their proposal...