

Handout #1

Scenario:

You are from the country Hyberia. In Hyberia there are two languages: Tankese and Altese. There are also two distinct cultures. Those who speak mainly Tankese are from a far away country called Tanka and those who speak mainly Altese are from an equally distant country called Atla.

The Tankese and the Altas have lived together in Hyberia for many years. In the time the Tankas and Altas have inhabited Hyberia, the majority population has shifted from being mostly Tankas to mostly Altas. The Tankas are beginning to feel threatened by the Altas's rapidly expanding majority. In fact, some of the Tanka children are learning to speak Altese better than Tankese. Some Tankas are growing concerned about the loss of their language and culture.

When Hyberia was created, the Altas and Tankas agreed to allow the Tankas freedom of religion. They also agreed to divide the law equally between Tanka law and Alta law. The Tanka have also been permitted to keep all of their land. However, the government has been primarily run by Altas and many services are only available in Altese. Those who speak only Tankese sometimes have difficulty in finding Tankese schools for their children. The Tankas are growing more and more restless...

1. How does your group feel and what is your group most concerned about?
2. List some actions your group may take in order to improve its position. Be realistic here.
3. Prepare a plan for what your group sees as a fair solution to its issues and be prepared to debate your position.