Handout 1: Construction of National Identity

Names: __________________________________________________________

**Image-Viewing Guide**

**Directions:** Note your observations of each visual image in the spaces provided. The more detailed your notes, the better. These notes will be used in class discussion and your formal written response. When you have completed your analysis, choose the image you wish to analyze in greater depth in your written response and print out a copy of that image.

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