**Case Study Unit Cheat Sheet**

These are the topics you will need to find information on for our Kosova case study and your group country case studies. I’m giving you this “cheat sheet” to help you understand what you should be looking for in each of these themes. Remember that you will need to provide a reference page for your project, so keep track of where you get your information from!  
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**A. Sources of Public Authority and Political Power**

The nature and sources of governments’ legitimacy

Historical evolution of national political traditions

Political culture and socialization: transmission of political values

**B. Relationship Between the State and Society/Citizens**

How society/citizens within the state participates, are represented in the political system, how society influences policymaking.

What social differences (class, ethnicity, language, religion, etc.) exist within the country? Do these differences have consequences in politics or lead to political conflicts? Political parties/interests?

**C. Political Institutions and Framework**

Organization of the State - the fundamental principles – as reflected in its’ constitution, its official ideology, and historical experience - on which the political system and the distribution of political power are based.

The basic structure of the state: legislative, executive, judiciary, military, state run corporations, sub- national government.

**D. Political Change**

Critical Events - the historical process by which its current political system was formed

Critical Junctures - major stages and/or turning points in the state’s Development

How has the country assumed its present geographic shape and political order?

How have relations between the state and the society it governs developed over time?

Implications for Contemporary Politics - how does the past pattern of state development continue to shape the country’s political agenda?

**E. Current Events Article**  
You will have to pick an article that reflects a current development or struggle in your assigned country. Write at least 3 discussion questions to go along with the article. These questions should not be all content or factual, but more about creating an opinion or making connections to other countries. This will result in much better discussions!