Country 1 Country 2 Poor Poor Flat Flat Religiously Divided Religiously Divided **Ethnically Divided Ethnically Divided** Country 4 Country 3 Poor Poor Flat Flat Religiously Divided Religiously Divided Ethnically Divided Ethnically Divided Country 5 Poor Mountainous Religiously Divided Ethnically Divided

FIGURE 1.2

Using the Method of Difference

Countries 1 through 4 all remained at peace—and all share several characteristics. Country 5 went to war, and the only way it differs from the other countries is in its terrain. Using the method of difference in this example suggests a causal relationship between rough terrain and civil war.