



## **Ethnic Groups without Borders**

There are many ethnic groups around the world that do not have an officially recognized country border by the United Nations, but they are still considered an official ethnic group. These people are recognized for their unique cultural and social differences and are celebrated the same as those ethnic groups that do claim an officially recognized United Nations border.

This activity allows a student to further explore these ethnic groups that do not have an officially recognized United Nations border and to find out what makes them different and special. Who do you know who is from an ethnic group without an officially recognized United Nations border? A classmate, yourself, a family member, please list these people here.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Look at a world map to see if you can find the area where this person is associated with. Use the site Fact Monster to aid you in finding areas/countries on a map! [www.sf.factmonster.com](http://www.sf.factmonster.com)  
Here is a listing of the ethnic groups that do not have an officially recognized United Nations country border yet are participating in our Festival of Nations. Included are some web sites that can be used prior to coming to the Festival, these sites will give the student an in-depth history of the individual ethnic groups.

1. Hmong ([www.hmongnet.org](http://www.hmongnet.org))
2. Carpatho-Rusyn ([www.simkovich.org](http://www.simkovich.org))
3. Karen ([www.karen.org](http://www.karen.org))
4. Oromo ([www.ethiopiatribe.com](http://www.ethiopiatribe.com))
5. Tibetan ([www.freetibet.org](http://www.freetibet.org))
6. American Indian ([www.manataka.org](http://www.manataka.org) under the search bar write American Indian History and choose the top listing)
7. African American ([www.afroamhistory.about.com](http://www.afroamhistory.about.com))

**Activity:** Choose one of the above ethnic groups and research the following areas;

1. Where in the world does this ethnic group reside? On what continent is their native area found? For example, Asia, Africa
2. Has there been resettlement of these people and if so where have these people resettled to? For example, Minnesota, Wisconsin or another continent.
3. What is the size of their current population in their native area? For example, Asia or Africa
4. What is the size of their current population in their resettled area? For example, Minnesota, Wisconsin or another continent.
5. What language(s) do they speak?
6. Can you get your name written in their language?
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What makes their ethnic group unique compared to the surrounding people? List 4 things
8. Have they ever claimed a country border?
9. If you are interviewing someone in a specific area (i.e.) the Exhibit area, Bazaar, Food, Demonstration etc. describe 4 things that you learned about their ethnic group while talking with that person(s).
10. Would you ever consider visiting their part of the world, if yes why, if no why not?
11. Prior to doing this activity, were you aware that there were ethnic groups without officially recognized United Nations country borders that live in the world?