



Crisis in Yemen Primary Sources

Directions: For this activity, you will be using these documents to answer the questions on the Primary Source Analysis worksheet. You will be working in small groups. With your group, you will look over the following maps and answer the corresponding questions that go with each. Also provided is a word bank.

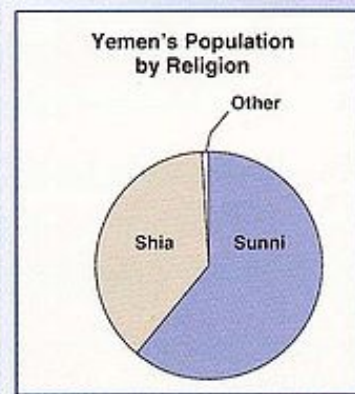
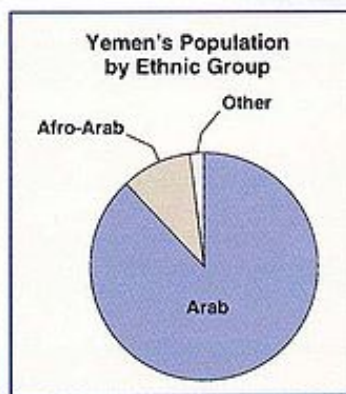
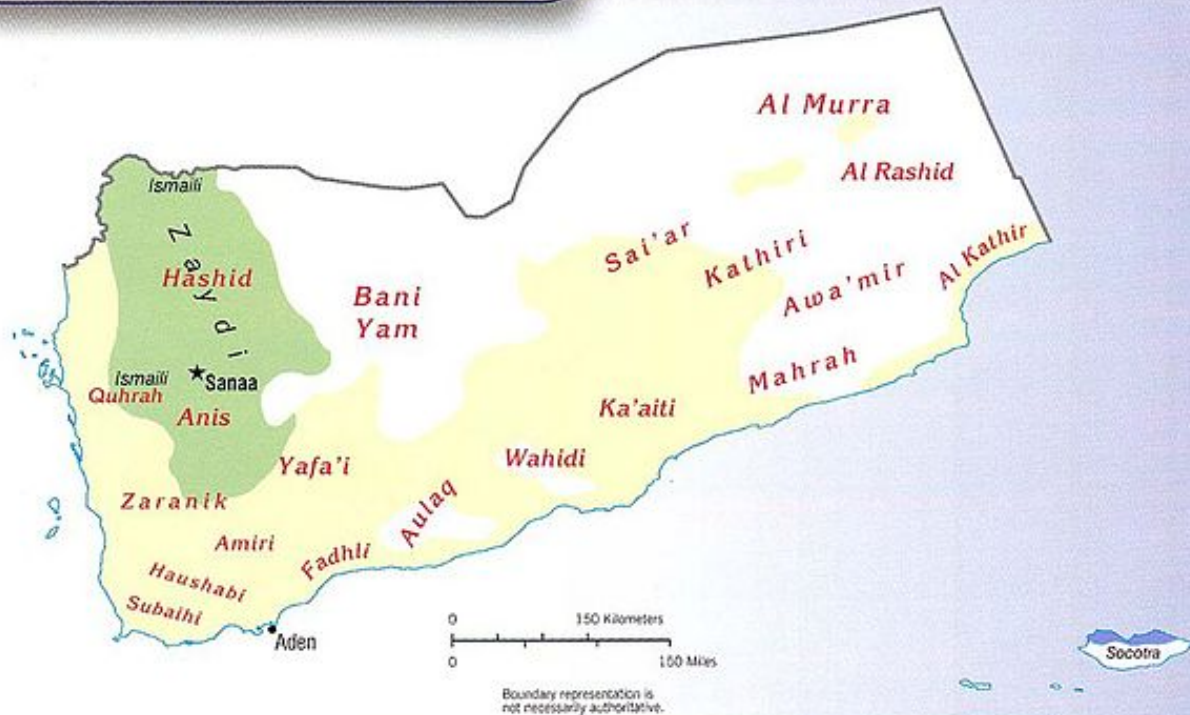
Word Bank

- Humanitarian crisis - singular event or a series of events that are threatening in terms of health, safety or well-being of a community or large group of people
- Sayyid families – direct descendants from prophet Muhammad
- Imam – religious leader
- Famous Forty – group sent by Imam to study abroad and bring ideas back to Yemen. Came back wanting a change in government.
- Houthis – Prominent Sayyid family in Northern Highlands
- Houthi Movement – grassroots movement against new Yemeni Republic and against Saudi Arabia
- Hussein al-Houthi – leader of Houthi Movement. When he died, movement is named after him
- Ali Abdullah Saleh – longest serving Yemeni president
- Unification – two separate entities or governments coming together to form one government
- Secession – wanting to break away from one government and forming two separate
- al-Hirak – new political party in the south for secession



Document A: Ethnoreligious Groups and Tribal Areas; Orkaby, Asher, *Yemen: A Civil War Centuries in the Making*, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Vol. 12 Issue 8, May 2019.

Distribution of Ethnoreligious Groups and Key Tribal Areas



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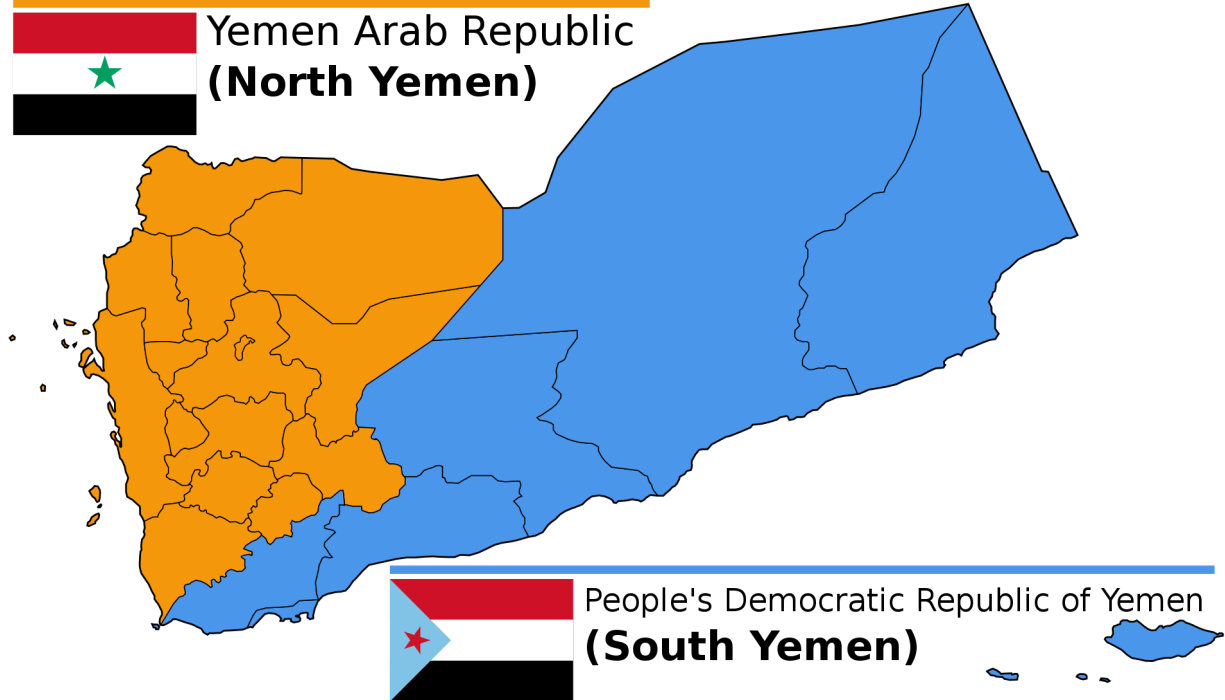
A map and graphs showing the distribution of religious and ethnic groups as well as tribal areas.



Document B: North and South Yemen; Orkaby, Asher, Yemen: A Civil War Centuries in the Making, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Vol. 12 Issue 8, May 2019.



**Yemen Arab Republic
(North Yemen)**

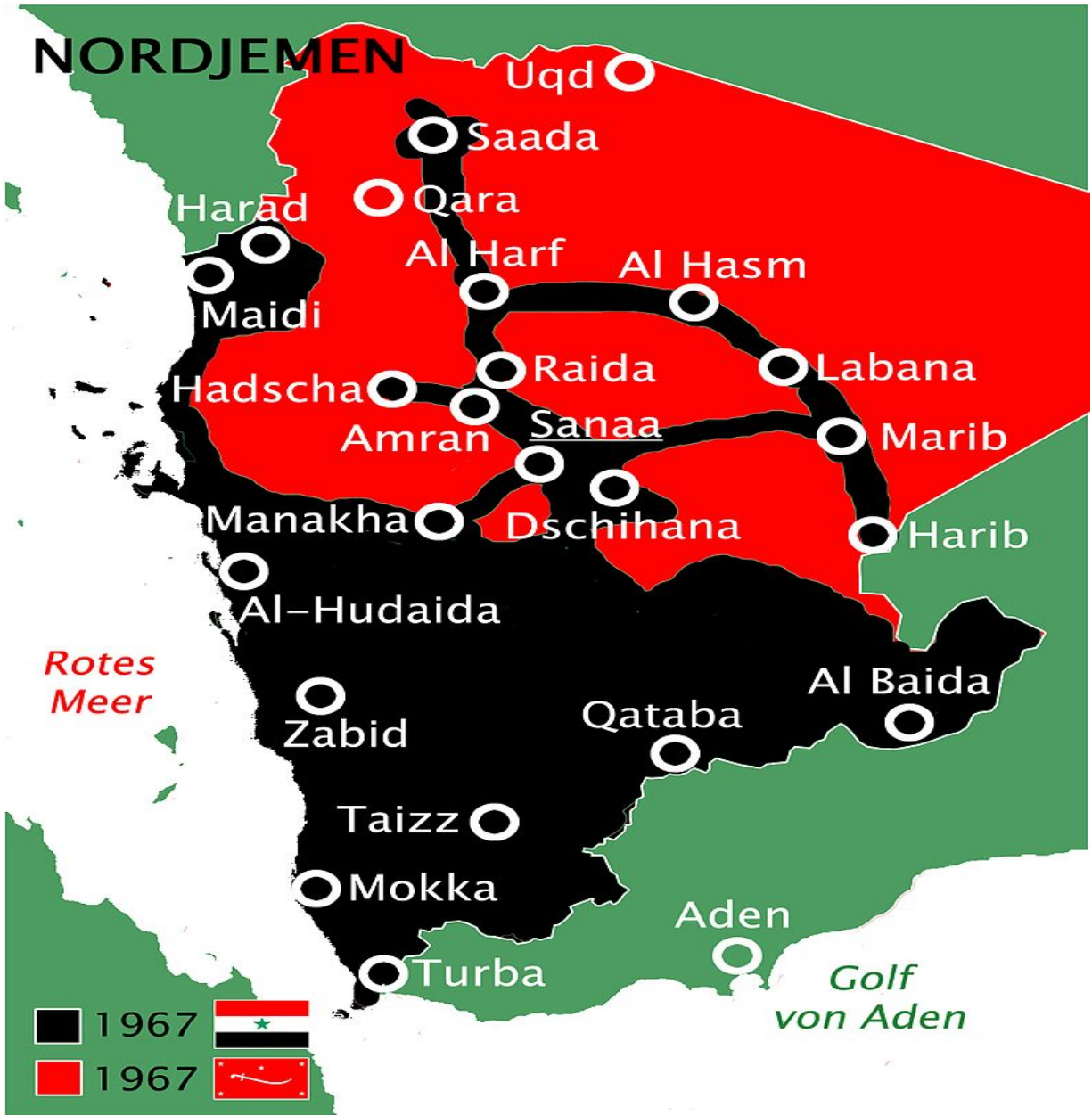


**People's Democratic Republic of Yemen
(South Yemen)**

A map depicting North and South Yemen before unification in 1990.



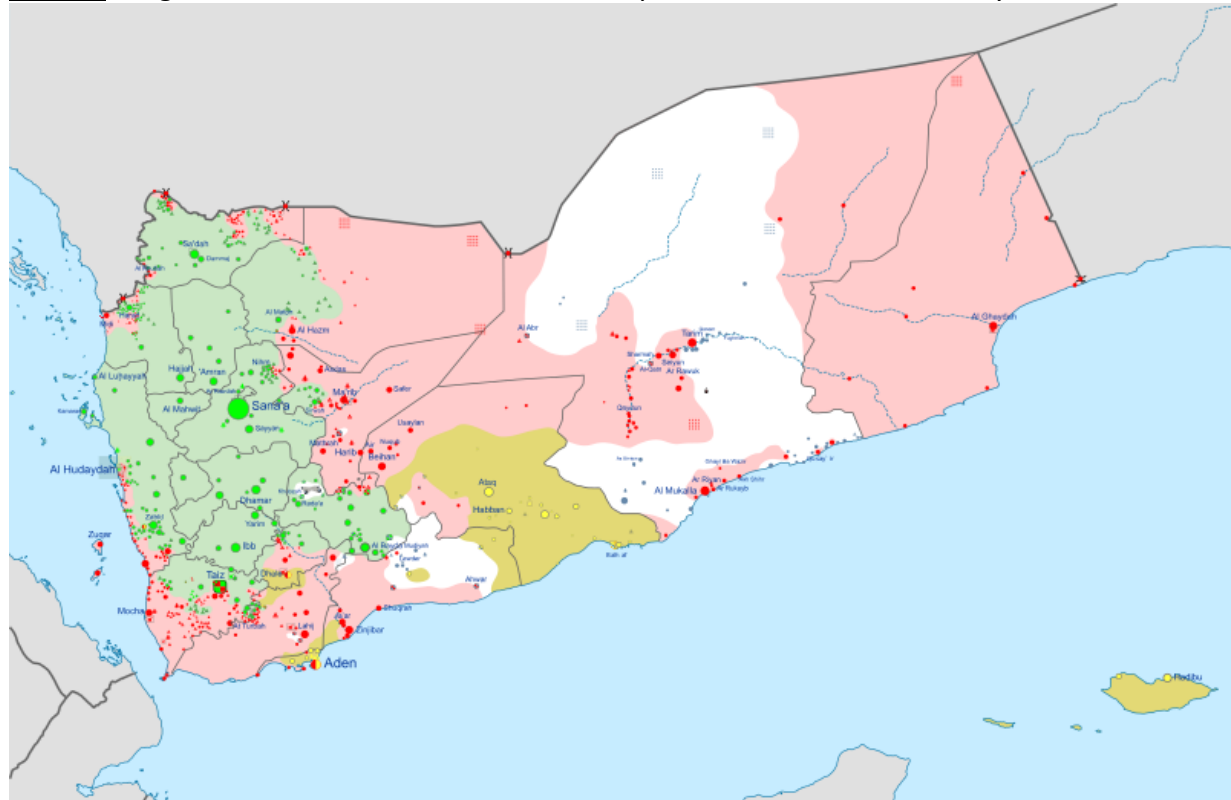
Document C: North Yemen 1967; Orkaby, Asher, *Yemen: A Civil War Centuries in the Making*, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Vol. 12 Issue 8, May 2019.



A map of the conflict in North Yemen between Republicans (black) and Zaydi Royalists (red) in 1967.



Document D: Territories in Yemen; Orkaby, Asher, Yemen: A Civil War Centuries in the Making, *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Vol. 12 Issue 8, May 2019.



A territorial map of Yemen from 2018 with Houthi areas in green, the Yemeni government in red, Ansar al-Sharia & Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula in white, and the Southern Transitional Council in yellow.