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

A map depicting North and South Yemen before unification in 1990.
A map of the conflict in North Yemen between Republicans (black) and Zaydi Royalists (red) in 1967.
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.