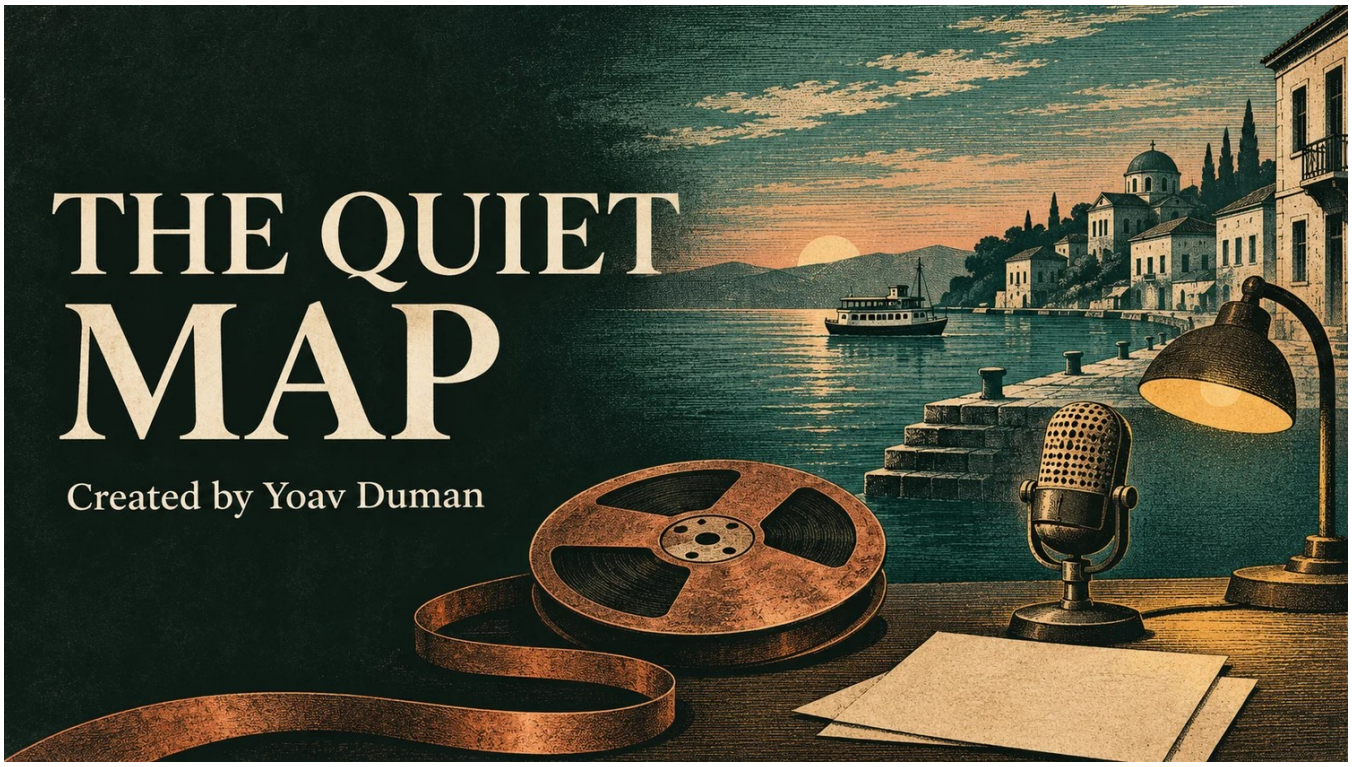
The Quiet Map

Ethnic nationalism, forced displacement and historical evidence



The Quiet Map teaches students to critically examine ethnic nationalism and its consequences without endorsing ethnic nationalism or forced displacement.

Ethnic nationalism treats shared ancestry, culture, language or religion as a basis for belonging to the nation and making political claims in its name. Ask when political institutions put these ideas into practice and what consequences follow for people whose lives cross those categories.

Plan the session

Plan 30–40 minutes for independent Class play and another 10–15 minutes for discussion. For Fun usually takes 15–25 minutes and makes writing optional.

Ask students to open For Class and work as documentary editors. All evidence needed for the activity is included. Every essential audio passage has a text equivalent.

Open The Quiet Map on Possible States

From first cut to broadcast

Read the producer’s draft aloud. “The border looks quieter because people chose their national homes.” Ask which phrase they would check first and what record they would request.

Use the framing before play and during discussion. The historical material addresses coercion, displacement and religious classification. Students analyze the evidence in the editor role, and may work with written records throughout.

Stage	What students do
Rough cut	Mark “quieter,” “because” or “chose.” File a first line and request a record. Keep that first line available for the debrief.
Family file	Describe what the 1922 Red Cross photo shows. Open its caption, then compare the family papers with the convention’s rules and exceptions.
Dispute desk	Compare the three rows and the timeline. Record an interpretation, a credible rival and a record that would help distinguish the explanations.
Åland wire	Separate Sweden’s request from the League’s decision. Revise a narrow claim after examining a practice record limited to one school and one date.
On air	Release the cut with your name and course or section. Open the broadcast and evidence report and choose Print / Save PDF.

Evidence checks to bring into the room

Photograph and caption. The visible worker and sacks at Piraeus are observations. The caption describes an intended shipment. A matching receiving or distribution record would support a claim of delivery.

Family papers and convention. The family file gives evidence of a particular experience. The January 1923 convention made exchange compulsory for specified groups, with exceptions. Test claims about personal wishes against testimony from those affected.

Class submission

Students save the completed PDF, check the last page and upload it to the course site. Save & help downloads editable progress for use in the same edition. Class and Fun are saved in separate slots.

What changed, and for whom?

Greece and Türkiye · Two ten-year windows. The year of the 1923 agreements sits between them.

Measure	1913–1922	1924–1933
New militarized disputes	4	1
New territorial claim episodes	6	0
Distinct militarized disputes active during the window	5	1

Dispute registers. Two rows count starts, one tracks distinct active cases. The early active count includes a dispute that started in 1912. The later window has no new territorial claim episode and includes the 1925 Patriarch dispute.

Sequence and rival account. The October 1922 armistice halted fighting. The January 1923 convention prescribed exchange and the July 1923 peace treaty set the frontier and addressed island sovereignty. Ask for records of when and why officials changed their demands.

Åland wire. In the historical materials, Sweden sought a vote about sovereignty and the League kept Åland under Finnish sovereignty with protections for Swedish-language schooling. The one-school, one-day register is a simulated practice record. It supports a narrow implementation claim inside the exercise.

Examples of a defensible edit

A reportable finding. The register lists six new Greek–Turkish territorial claim episodes in 1913–1922 and zero in 1924–1933.

A warranted limit. The counts establish a narrower change in recorded government disputes. For a claim about household safety or choice, ask for testimony and local records.

A separating record. Compare official negotiating instructions before the armistice, after the exchange convention and after the frontier treaty. Read explanations of abandoned demands alongside the dates.

Debrief and grade the reasoning

2–3 min · Read two first cuts. Ask what each version means by “quieter.” Identify the outcome and unit it would need.

4–5 min · Put records side by side. Ask what the family papers, legal text and dispute ledgers each show. Invite a student to give one inference that each source leaves open.

4–5 min · Compare rival explanations. Ask what an armistice or border-settlement explanation predicts about timing. What new record would make the consequences of compulsory exchange easier to distinguish?

2 min · Transfer and close. Ask what evidence could show that Swedish-language instruction was used widely or that families experienced greater security. Connect the answer to whose consequences get counted.

Points	Criterion	Full-credit evidence
20	Scoped claim	Names the actor and outcome. Limits what goes on air to the time, place and group the record covers.
30	Evidence operation	Uses an exact detail from a named record with the right count, unit, date, rule or visible observation.
30	Warrant and revision	Explains how the record changes or sustains the first claim. Names a credible rival and a plausible observation that would favor one explanation.
20	Unseen transfer	Separates Sweden’s request, the decision and practice. Revises proportionately after seeing the limited extra record.

Use the six exact checks as formative feedback. Compare first and final filings. Give full credit to well-supported revisions or decisions to keep or hold a claim. Word floors indicate completion. The instructor scores reasoning.

Open the sources

Library of Congress · American Red Cross photograph, Piraeus, 1922

League of Nations Treaty Series · Exchange convention, Arts. 1–3

Correlates of War · Militarized Interstate Disputes

Issue Correlates of War · Territorial Claims, provisional data

League of Nations · Åland sovereignty and guarantees