

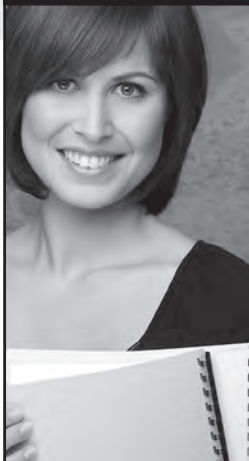


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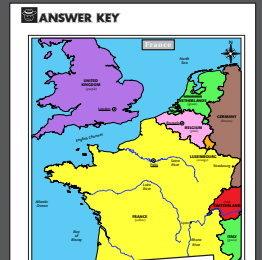
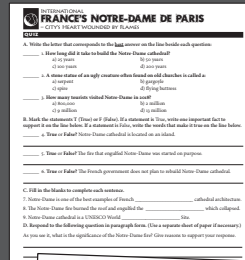
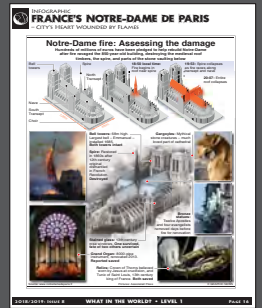
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INTERNATIONAL THE UIGHURS OF CHINA - TERRORISTS OR VICTIMS?

Human rights groups around the world report that China has imprisoned up to one million Uighurs living in China's Xinjiang region. Satellite images and other evidence show a growing number of detention centres in Xinjiang, including at least 44 high-security buildings.

FAKE NEWS
The Chinese government, however, denies this accusation. It is 'completely untrue,' a senior Chinese official told the UN last August. The centres have been set up to teach lessons on Chinese history, language, and culture. They offer nutritious, free diets. The buildings are also used as job retraining centres, another official explained.

However, China does admit to cracking down on 'extremist activity' among Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang. It claims that Han Chinese are plotting attacks and stirring up tension between Uighurs and Islamic militants and separatists.

ABOUT XINJIANG'S UIGHURS
China has the largest population in the world - 1.4 billion. Some 95 percent are Han Chinese; 5 percent are minorities. Xinjiang is a territory in northwest China. It became part of China in 1949. In theory the region is autonomous. In practice, the Chinese government controls it.

The population of Xinjiang is 22 million. About 11 million are Uighur Muslims who speak a language similar to Turkish. Xinjiang's traditional economy is based on agriculture and trade. But the region is rich in oil and other resources, and the economy has been developing. That's prompted many Han Chinese from China's eastern areas to move to Xinjiang. Han Chinese now make up 40 percent of the territory's population. Many local Uighurs resent them because they are perceived to get the best jobs.

Uighur communities also exist in neighbouring countries, such as Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan. These countries used to be part of the Soviet Union. But they gained independence in the 1990s, when the Soviet Union collapsed. That inspired some Xinjiang Uighurs to start a separatist movement. However, China's harsh response to these activities forced separatists underground.

DEFINITIONS
AUTONOMOUS: freedom to govern or control its own affairs
DETENTION CENTRE: jails where prisoners are held temporarily
EXTREMIST: far beyond the norm
HAN CHINESE: China's main ethnic group
PERCEIVED: to understand or think about something in a particular way
SEPARATIST: a group that wants to form a new country
SOVIET UNION: a former country of Europe and Asia
UNDERGROUND: secretly working against an existing regime

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