Guidelines for Darfur Project

Goal
Your goal is to utilize several perspectives to explain the reasons for the current violence between groups in Darfur, and the violence of the recent past.

Find specific events of conflict in Darfur and consider several factors in the same events. You will be able to find news reports of many of the incidents in Flint and de Waal (2005) in the news resources below. Address at least three kinds of factors listed below. Consider more than one kind of factor in each event. Please bring in other factors you identify.

Factors to Consider
Cultural factors:
How did differing ethnic groups have differing cultures and different value assessment of each other concerning settlement and nomadic life affect relationships between Darfur groups?
How did differing religious ideas about the role of women and alcohol consumption affect relationships between Darfur groups?
How did the Darfur groups regard each other? (Hint Sultanate view vs. Arab Gathering view.)

Ecological factors
Relationships between groups were established in a different climate. How has climate change affected subsistence strategies and relationships between Darfur groups?
How did the drought of the 1980s affect the relationships between groups?

Historical and Political Factors
How did allocation of land by the Fur Sultanate affect current relationships between Darfur groups?
How did the British administration, its policy to prevent development and its preservation of the land system affect relationships between Darfur groups?
How did the GoS policies affect the relationships between Darfur groups?

Global Factors
How did the global economy affect relationships between Darfur groups?
   Hint: Without a kalash you’re trash.
How did the worldwide Islamic movement affect relationships between Darfur groups?
How did 9-11 and America’s war on terror affect relationships between Darfur groups?
How did the global human rights movement affect relationships between Darfur groups?
How has the Darfur aid apparatus affected relationships between Darfur groups?

Geographic Factors
How did Darfur’s location affect the relations between groups
Hint: Jebel Marra and its distance from the Nile.
Jebel Marra and its distance from Lake Chad.
Jebel Marra and its distance to the Libyan border.

Personal Factors
How has the personality of Bashir, Turabi, Gadaffi, Bolad, Musa Hilal, and Minni Minawi, each affected the relations between groups in Darfur?
Requirements for your paper
Cite and substantially use at least two news resources and at least three scholarly references from Flint and de Waal that are listed below. Everything below is available on reserve or on the internet. All articles are available electronically. Additional items of interest and use may be placed on reserve.

Use the news resources to find reports events of conflict and interpret the events in relation to factors listed above. Count “Darfur Destroyed” as a news resource. You may use news resources available through the links below.

Ushari and Baldo (1987) is available electronically. Count Ushari and Baldo as a news resource. The remaining books are available in hard copy only.

You may want to use other references from your textbook, Flint and de Waal. Most of the remaining references are published by human rights organizations and are news resources. Some are available through the news links below.

Your paper should have a cover page, 1000 words of text minimum (four double spaced pages), and a References Cited page, listing the references you cited and no others.

Your paper should be written in accordance with the AAA style guide. http://www.aaanet.org/pubs/style_guide.pdf

Include DPA338F07 and your name in the subject line when you submit your paper to stephen.siemens@csun.edu Submit your paper as a single word document attachment to an email. CC yourself to prove that you sent it on time. Your paper is due midnight 12-6-07.

News Resources
http://www.sudan.net/news/news.html
  Sudan Net The most comprehensive news source on Sudan.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/default.stm
  BBC Africa Service Recommended for breaking news
  UN News Service Sudan
http://www.unsudanig.org/
  UN Sudan Information Gateway
  Oxfam
http://www.hrw.org/doc?t=africa&c=sudan
  Human Rights Watch
http://web.amnesty.org/pages/sdn-index-eng
  Amnesty International
http://www.sudanreeves.org/
  Professor Eric Reeves, Sudan Activist
http://www.sudanstudies.org/ssanewsletter.html
  Sudan Studies Association Newsletter (includes Darfur) scholarly articles.
Text References on Reserve (or internet)

Burr, J. Millard, and Robert O. Collins

Collins, Robert O.

Daly, M.W.

de Waal, Alex

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de Waal, Alex and Malik Mohammed el Amin

Doornbos, Paul

Haaland, Gunnar

Harir, Sharif

Human_Rights_Watch
Kapteijns, Lidwien

Keen, David

Musa Adam Abdul-Jalil


O'Fahey, R.S., and M.I. Abu Salim

Ushari, Mahmud, and Suleyman Baldo

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