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## **THE CONFLICT IN SYRIA & NIGERIA**

Use the space below to gather information and organize your thoughts on these topics. Later you will be able to use this paper for a timed writing on the Syrian and Nigerian Conflicts.

1. How did the conflict in Syria begin?

2. Describe the following groups and their actions. What does each group want?

President Bashar al-Assad (government forces)—

ISIS—

Kurdish rebels---

Other rebel groups--

3. Explain what life is like for Syrian civilians amidst this crisis:

3. Explain where key countries stand on the Syria Crisis:

USA—

Russia—

Saudi Arabia—

Turkey—

Iran—

5. Boko Haram

a. What does “Boko Haram” mean?

b. What is the main goal of Boko Haram? When was it established? And what is its connection to ISIS and other fundamentalist Islamic extremist groups?

5. Boko Haram (continued)

- c. What is the religious make up of Nigeria?
- d. Who is the leader of Boko Haram and why is he difficult to stop?
- e. How has the United States responded to Boko Haram?
- f. Why is the crisis with Boko Haram important to the international community and not just to Nigeria?

6. Make a prediction for the future of Syria and ISIS in Syria. Be specific—what do you think is likely to happen in the future? Why? Do you believe that Boko Haram will surpass ISIS as a global concern? Why or Why Not?