

Perspective: Through a Child's Eyes.

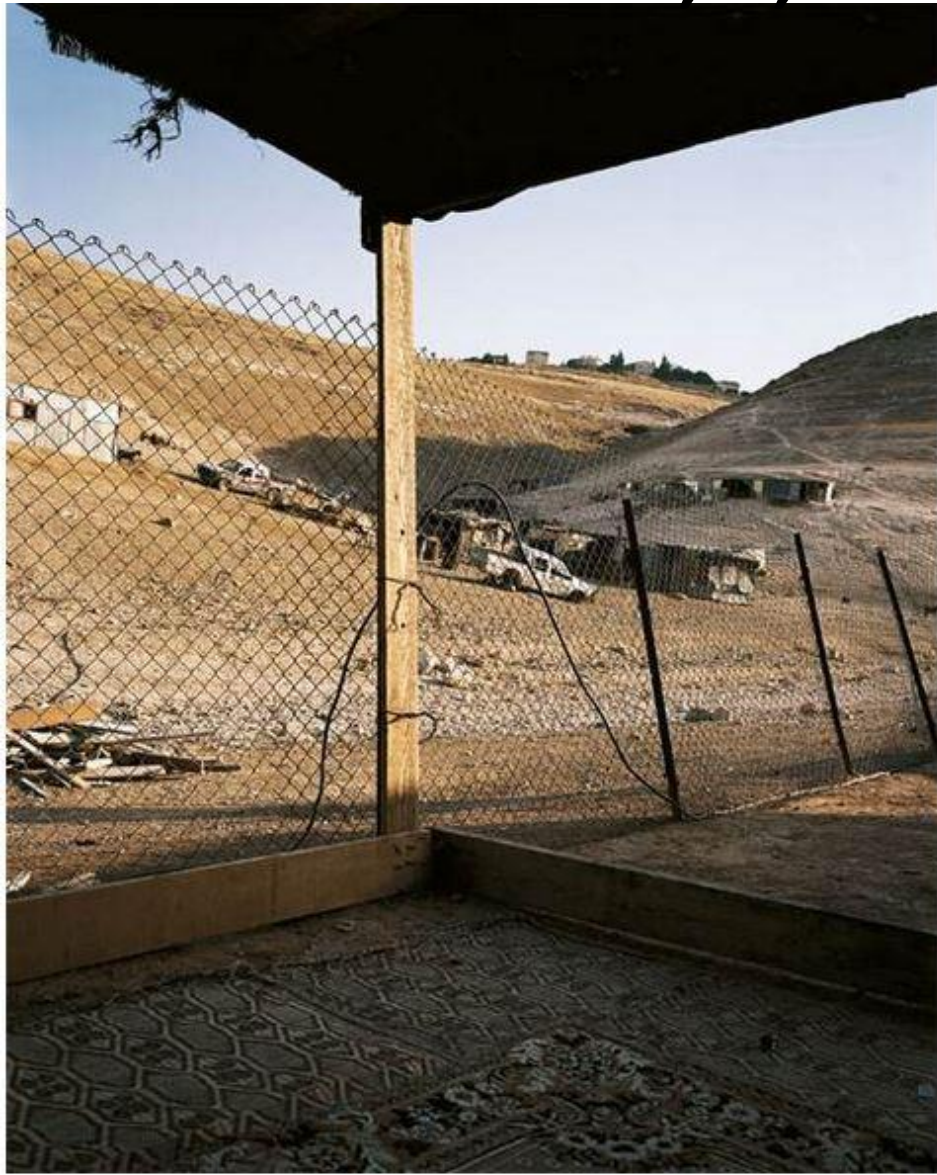
Points to consider as you analyze the photos in order to complete Step 2: Triple Venn Diagram:

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 - Examine closely the following three children living in and around the West Bank.
 - What are some things that the three children have in common?
 - What are some things that they do not have in common?

- 2

After you view the three pictures and descriptions, visit the website that follows each description in order to complete the Triple Venn Diagram comparing and contrasting the three different places considering the above questions.

Bilal, 6, the West Bank



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Bilal is from a family of Bedouin Arabs, an often-displaced tribal people who endure a harsh existence without electricity, running water, sanitation and medical facilities. Bedouin homes are makeshift structures made of available materials. At the time of the photo, Bilal lived in a one-room shack in Wadi Abu Hindi, a district northeast of Jerusalem. To the left is the place where Bilal slept. It is unlikely he still lives here, as in spring 2011 many Bedouin families were expelled from the area when the Israeli military said it was illegal for them to live there. Many Bedouins' homes were demolished so that a security wall could be built.

What is it like to live as a bedouin?

http://www.dakhlabeledouins.com/by_bedouin_life.html

Tzvika, 9, the West Bank



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Tzvika lives in the Jewish settlement of Beitar Illit, a fast-growing community of 36,000 with one of the highest birthrates in the West Bank. Located near Jerusalem, the settlement is home to Haredi Jews, who represent the most conservative subset of orthodox Judaism. To the left is Tzvika's bedroom, which he shares with his three siblings. Jewish settlements are considered illegal under international law (although Israel disputes this), and Palestinians strongly oppose them.

What is it like to live in a Jewish settlement in isolation from (and in conflict with) your Palestinian (Arab/Muslim) neighbors?

<http://www.jewishpost.com/archives/news/Life-on-a-West-Bank-Settlement.html>

Douha, 10, the West Bank



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Douha lives in a Palestinian refugee camp in Hebron (in the southern part of the West Bank) along with her 11 brothers and sisters. Her brother (pictured in the poster in Douha's bedroom on the left) participated in a suicide bomb attack against Israelis in 1996.

NOTE: The United Nations defines a "Palestinian refugee" as a person (or his/her descendants) whose "normal place of residence was Palestine between June 1946 and May 1948 [prior to the establishment of the Jewish state of Israel], who lost both their homes and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict.

What is it like to live in a Palestinian refugee camp (keep in mind that sources within this section are written from distinct perspectives?)

http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/docs/palestinian-refugee-children-fact-sheet_june08_1.pdf

Perspective: Consider the following questions after you analyzed the photos of the young children living in and around the West Bank.

- 1) What worries do you think these children have as a result of the instability and conflict in the area where they live?
- 2) What kinds of things have these young people probably seen going on around them?
- 3) What do you have in common with these young people?
(Consider thoughts, goals, fears, joys, etc.)
- 4) What are some ways in which war and violence affect children over the course of their lives?

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