

## Essay and Discussion Questions: Building Blocks

## **Explain**

- 1. If a country is unhappy with another country, what kinds of responses respect the principle of sovereignty? What kinds of responses challenge or violate sovereignty?
- 2. What is the major exception to sovereignty recognized by the United Nations?
- 3. What is the difference between a nation and a country (also known as a state)?
- 4. What is the opinion today of the United Nations and most countries regarding self-determination?
- 5. Why was the responsibility to protect (R2P) doctrine adopted?
- 6. What are the most common ways in which sovereignty is threatened or violated?

## Analyze

- 7. In what way is sovereignty a kind of equality among countries?
- 8. Why have so many nations seeking independence been unable to achieve their goals?
- 9. What are some common methods of trying to gain independence? What are the benefits and drawbacks of these methods?
- 10. Why have many European countries delegated (or pooled) their sovereignty in the European Union?
- 11. Why do countries often intervene when another country's sovereignty is violated?

## **Evaluate**

- 12. What are the shortcomings of the concept of sovereignty?
- 13. Is nationalism a force for good in the world?
- 14. Is self-determination an outdated concept in a world that no longer has empires and colonies?
- 15. Does the responsibility to protect doctrine effectively balance sovereignty and human rights?