

### Background and Context

### Key Terms and Concepts

**Unhome-  
liness** Lack of connection with one and one's home. The word does not necessarily have to refer to literal "home," but rather can refer to emotional disconnection. Ex. I felt unhomey when I returned to my hometown and realized that all my neighbors left the town.

**Exile** Forcibly being absent from a society or a group such as country or home. The word does not necessarily have to refer to a specific "place," but rather can refer to forced emotional exclusion.

**Connection** A sense of being related to something.

**Identity** The way individual or group define oneself.

**Syncretism** Combination of two or more different beliefs, religions, or practices without abandoning any specific culture. Ex. As one nation colonized the other, the colony was forced to syncretize their cultures.

**Hegemony** Dominance in power, control, or importance by one country over the other country or a group of people. Ex. Country A enjoyed its hegemony over Country B.

**Othering** Believing an individual or a group of people significantly different and alien from themselves. Othering involves two concepts: "Exotic Other" and "Demonic Other."

**Mimicry** The colonized one changing their cultures to that of colonizer.

