

Background and Context

Key Terms and Concepts

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| Unhomeness | 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. |

