

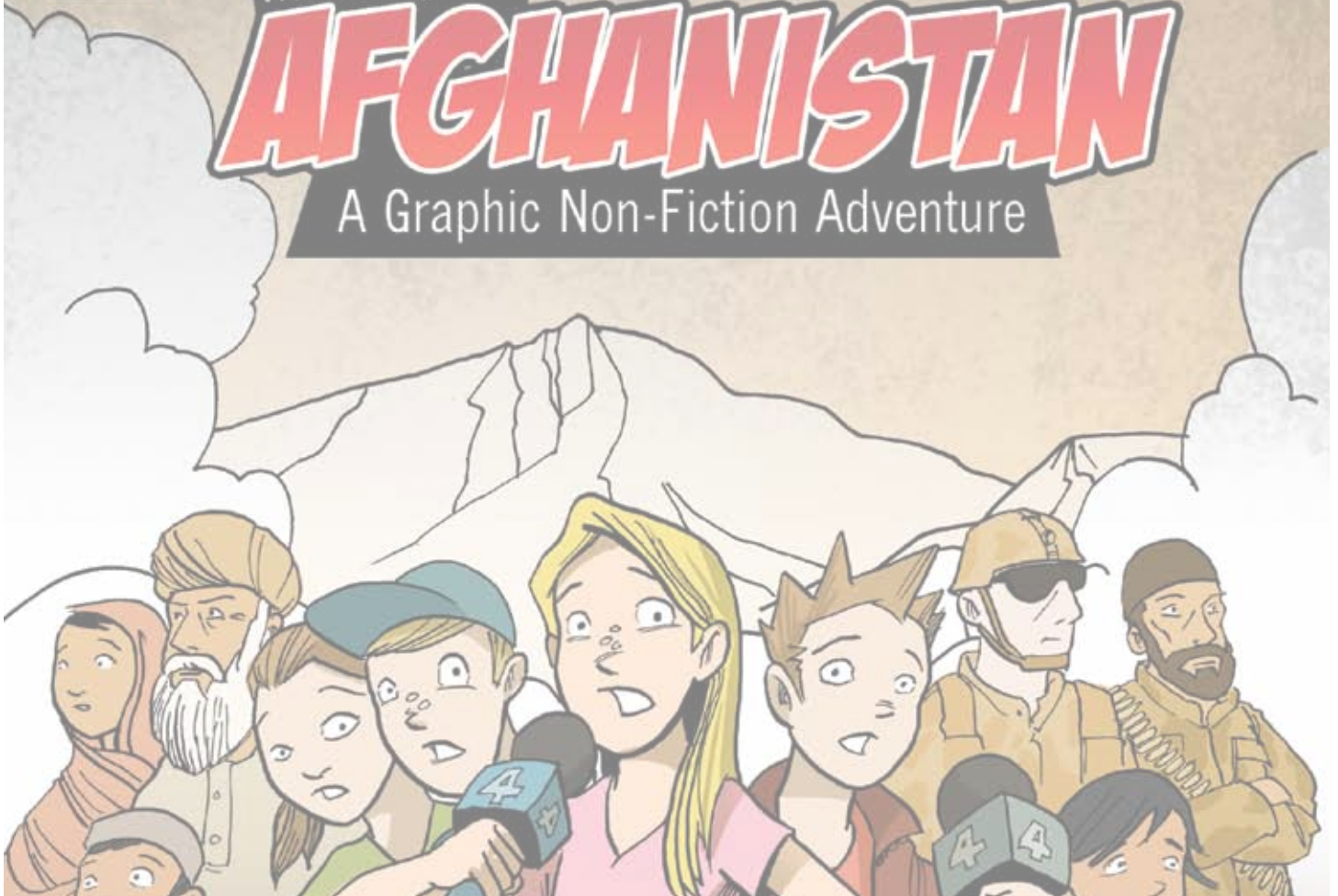
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WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Part I: Introduction to Afghanistan

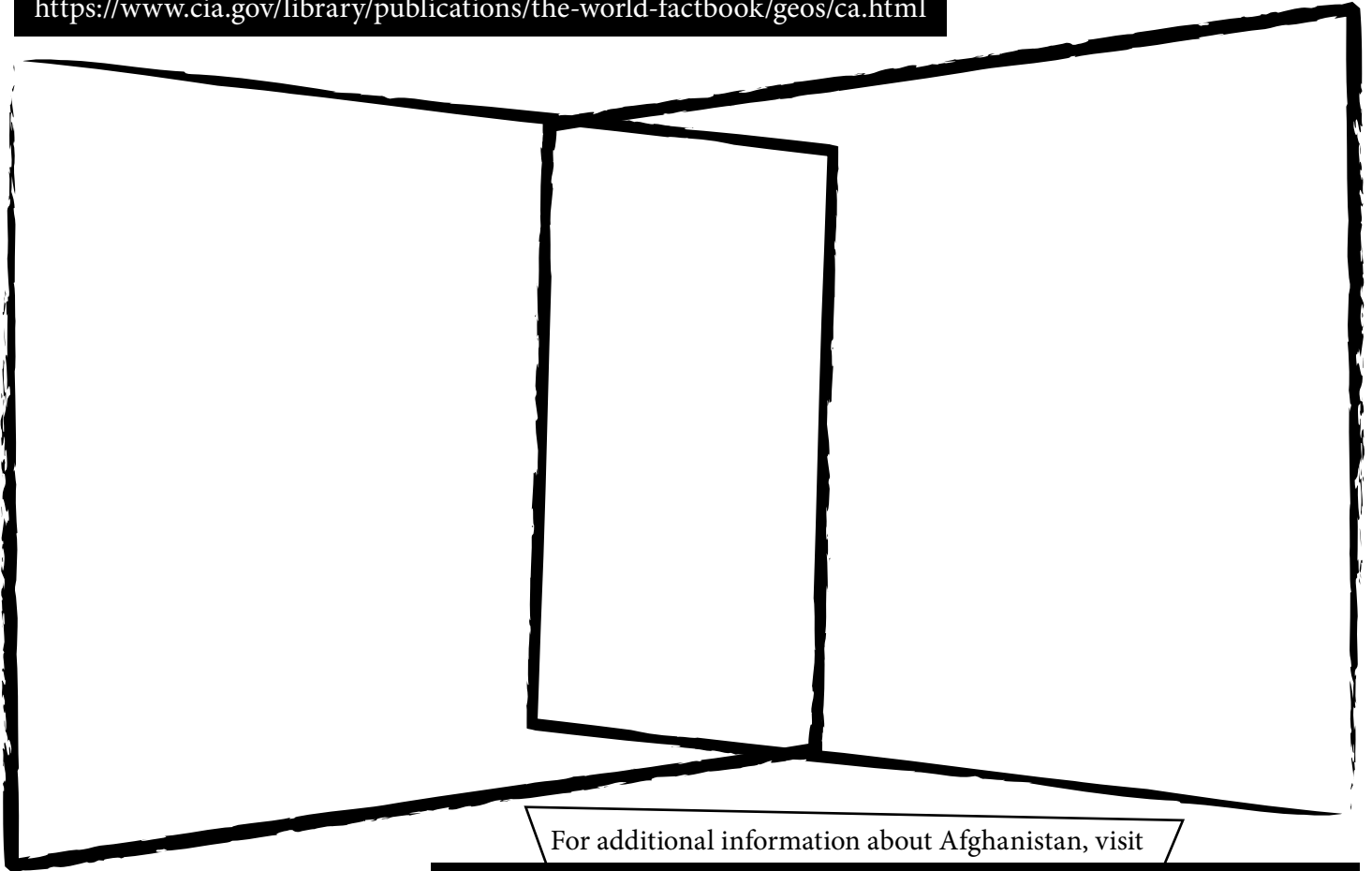
A. Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer on the line beside each question.

1. Afghanistan is . . .
 - a) about the size of Canada
 - b) approximately the size of western Canada
 - c) about as large as Manitoba
 - d) smaller than P.E.I. but much larger than Manitoba
 - e) none of the above
2. What is the largest ethnic group in Afghanistan?
 - a) Pashtun
 - b) Tajik
 - c) Hazara
 - d) Aimak
 - e) none of the above
3. Which religion do most Afghans follow?
 - a) Christianity
 - b) Islam
 - c) Buddhism
 - d) Judaism
 - e) none of the above
4. Which of the following is a problem for most Afghans?
 - a) poverty
 - b) low levels of education
 - c) limited fresh water supplies
 - d) war
 - e) all of the above
5. On average, how long do most Afghans live?
 - a) 32 years
 - b) 43 years
 - c) 66 years
 - d) 80 years
 - e) none of the above

C. In what ways is Canada similar to Afghanistan? In what ways are these two countries different? Complete the Venn diagram below with as many similarities and differences as you can think of. Consider the population, geography, climate, resources, daily life, government, and religion of each country when completing your diagram.

More information about Canada is available at

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ca.html>



For additional information about Afghanistan, visit

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/af.html>

After completing the diagram, consider:

1. As you see it, what is the greatest similarity between these two countries? Explain.

2. What is the biggest difference? Explain.

The greatest similarity is the aspect that *is most alike, affects the most people, has long-term positive outcomes.*
The greatest difference is the aspect that *is most unlike, affects the fewest people, has long-term negative outcomes.*

Part II: The War Begins

A. Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer on the line beside each question.

1. When did the war in Afghanistan begin?

- a) 2002
- b) 2011
- c) 1997
- d) more than 15 years ago
- e) none of the above

2. Which two groups are fighting each other in the war in Afghanistan?

- a) the United States and Great Britain
- b) the Taliban and the United States
- c) the Taliban and the coalition
- d) b and c
- e) none of the above

3. What was the U.S. military operation in Afghanistan known as?

- a) Enduring Freedom
- b) Extra Forceful
- c) Durable Freesome
- d) Fundamental Freedom
- e) none of the above

4. Why did the U.S. and Great Britain invade Afghanistan?

- a) to destroy terrorist training camps in Afghanistan
- b) to help remove the Taliban from power
- c) to rid the country of weapons of mass destruction
- d) a and b
- e) none of the above

5. What is the Taliban?

- a) a group of Afghan Sikhs
- b) a fundamentalist Islamic group
- c) Afghanistan's government between 1996 and 2001
- d) a and b
- e) b and c

6. Why did the coalition want to remove the Taliban from power?

- a) the Taliban had brought stability to Afghanistan after years of civil war
- b) the Taliban had brought in a strict Muslim code of behaviour
- c) the Taliban had allowed Osama bin Laden to live and train in Afghanistan
- d) all of the above
- e) none of the above



7. Who is Osama bin Laden?

- a) the head of al-Qaeda
- b) a terrorist
- c) the mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks in the United States
- d) all of the above
- e) none of the above

8. Why did coalition soldiers stay in Afghanistan after the Taliban had been toppled?

- a) the new Afghan government wasn't well-organized
- b) the new Afghan government didn't have the support of all ethnic groups in Afghanistan
- c) al-Qaeda terrorists and Taliban fighters continued to launch attacks against soldiers and civilians
- d) all of the above
- e) none of the above

9. Which group leads the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)?

- a) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- b) the United Nations
- c) the United States
- d) all of the above
- e) none of the above

10. Which of the following is NOT a responsibility of the ISAF?

- a) providing security
- b) rebuilding parts of the country destroyed during years of war
- c) decommissioning heavy weapons
- d) running the government
- e) providing humanitarian assistance

