Discussion Sheet #3: Security in the Contemporary World

What? Please complete a summary for Chapter 5 in Lawson; Chapters 3 & 4 in the Penguin Atlas; and Bosnia and Chechnya in Crimes of War

How? Use the form and space below

When? Due at the beginning of class, Thursday, November 13 (10 points)

Chapters 5: “Security and Insecurity in the Contemporary World”

1. Lawson lays out the “fundamentals” of the two main views of security in the Cold War period. Briefly summarize her most definitive points for each view.

2. In the post-Cold War period the concept of security has taken on much broader concerns. Briefly clarify the impact of human security, human rights, humanitarian intervention, and terrorism on the contemporary meaning of security.

3. Examine the maps in Chapter 3 of the Penguin Atlas. What information is most significant in the light of Lawson’s summary of today’s security concerns? What information seems most significant to you?
Examine the maps in Chapter 4 of the *Penguin Atlas*. Correlate the information in the *Atlas* with the sections on *Bosnia* and *Chechnya* in *Crimes of War*. On the basis of this information, comment on the security issues in this region. Use examples from your sources. What information seems most important to you?

In general what information is most surprising? Interesting? Useful?

Thinking about all of this material, what’s on your mind? What sticks? Why?