

Working Across Borders

How organizations help nations and people in the Western Hemisphere

5.6d "Multinational organizations and nongovernmental organizations in the Western Hemisphere seek to encourage cooperation between nations, protect human rights, support economic development, and provide assistance in challenging situations."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each organization named in the passage. Circle words that tell what it does, then write M beside a multinational organization and N beside an NGO.

Organizations That Help

- ① Countries in the Western Hemisphere sometimes face problems that cross borders. A hurricane can damage several Caribbean nations, or people may need fair treatment in more than one country. Multinational organizations bring governments together. Nongovernmental organizations, called NGOs, are independent groups. Both kinds of groups can work across national borders, but they have different connections to governments.
- ② The Organization of American States, or OAS, is a multinational organization made up of countries in the Americas. It encourages member governments to talk, cooperate, and settle concerns peacefully. The OAS also works to strengthen democracy and protect human rights. For example, it may send observers to watch an election and report whether voting is carried out fairly.
- ③ The Inter-American Development Bank is a multinational organization that lends money and offers advice for projects such as clean-water systems, schools, and roads. These projects can support economic development. In emergencies, NGOs such as Doctors Without Borders can send medical teams to care for injured or sick people. An NGO does not represent governments, yet it can provide important help during a crisis.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How is a multinational organization different from an NGO, according to the passage?

2 What can the OAS do during an election, and what does this action help protect?

3 Which organization in the passage supports economic development? Give one kind of project it can support.

4 Which organization can provide assistance during a crisis, and what assistance can it give?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write 3 or 4 sentences about an imagined challenge affecting two Western Hemisphere nations. Name one multinational organization and one NGO that could help, explain a different role for each, and include a way their work supports cooperation, human rights, economic development, or emergency assistance.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each organization named in the passage. Circle words that tell what it does, then write M beside a multinational organization and N beside an NGO. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How is a multinational organization different from an NGO, according to the passage?	A multinational organization brings governments together, while an NGO is an independent group that does not represent governments.
2	What can the OAS do during an election, and what does this action help protect?	The OAS can send observers to watch and report on the election. This helps protect fair voting, democracy, and human rights.
3	Which organization in the passage supports economic development? Give one kind of project it can support.	The Inter-American Development Bank supports economic development. It can support clean-water systems, schools, or roads.
4	Which organization can provide assistance during a crisis, and what assistance can it give?	Doctors Without Borders can provide assistance during a crisis by sending medical teams to care for injured or sick people.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After a hurricane hits two Caribbean nations, the OAS could help their governments meet and share plans for safe border crossings. This cooperation could help families receive fair treatment as they seek safety. Doctors Without Borders could send medical teams to care for injured people. The two groups would provide both cooperation and emergency assistance.

Accept equivalent descriptions of the organizations' roles when they match the passage. For the open response, accept reasonable imagined situations that correctly distinguish a multinational organization from an NGO and explain appropriate help.