english homework iv

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1. Read the news extract below and answer the questions:

# A single grievance sent protesters to the streets, but wider discontent has kept them there

**By Sheena McKenzie, CNN**

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The demonstrations seemingly began with a single spark. In Chile it was a hike in metro fares. Now those flickers have ignited wider protest movements, lifting the lid on deeper inequalities, frustrations and lack of autonomy that go back decades. And the discontent doesn't appear to be subsiding anytime soon. Experts say we are seeing a tipping point of ordinary people fed up with measures imposed from above by a ruling class.

For a spark to turn into something bigger, there needs to be "a much wider lack of trust in the political elite, a feeling of crisis of authority, and a wide variety of grievances and feelings of discontent," said John Chalcraft, professor of Middle East History and Politics at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Students have played a key role in all these protests. In Chile, thousands of students last week launched a mass fare-dodging campaign in the capital Santiago, flooding metro stations and jumping turnstiles. The widespread unrest is about more than a hike in transport fares, say experts. It's reflective of simmering anger over rising living costs going back years. In 2011, Chile's students also staged mass protests, that time over tuition fees. Transport tickets are not tuition fees, said Chalcraft, but they are still "social and economic demands" that reflect deep inequality in the country.

In Chile, the government's crackdown has seen troops on the streets, bringing back memories of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's 17-year military dictatorship, said Chalcraft. "Some would say it's an overreaction to protests around metro tickets that has escalated the situation," he added.

These protest have generally started off as "very peaceful, non-violent," said Norman.

"When we see the protests sometimes using other tactics, that's often in response to what the state introduces," she added.

In terms of that initial issue that sparked each movement, these protests have been successful -- Chile has dropped its fare hike. Of course, that's not what's really sending protesters into the streets night after night, and those wider battles continue. In Chile, which has one of the highest rates of inequality in the developed world, "that kind of social structure takes a lot longer to dismantle," said Norman.

a) Why are people protesting in Chile?

b) What happened during the protests?

c) In your opinion, can these protests be considered peaceful? Why or why not?

d) Were the protests effective? Explain.

e) What do you think about this form of demonstration? Comment on the subject and explain your opinion. Use consistent arguments related to the topic.

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