

Essay and Discussion Questions

Conflict High School Questions

Help students understand the various types, causes, and consequences of conflict through these essay and discussion questions.

Introduction

1. What is the difference between preemptive and preventive war?
2. What are some examples of deterrence?
3. What is the difference between direct and indirect civilian casualties?
4. What are some available tools for addressing the aftermath of conflict?
5. Why has interstate war declined?
6. How has conflict changed as interstate war has declined?
7. How is the United States' great power rivalry with China different from historical great power rivalries?
8. What role do you think foreign countries should play in intrastate conflicts?
9. What do you think can be done about the high civilian cost of conflict?

Extension

1. In what ways do natural resources fuel conflict?
2. How has the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) evolved since the Cold War ended?
3. Do you think there is still a role for NATO today? What is that role?
4. What are some of the ways in which the United States and U.S.S.R. contributed to conflict in other parts of the world during the Cold War?
5. Why have tensions in Northern Ireland continued even after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement?
6. How is Artificial Intelligence influencing modern conflict?