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?