

Causes of Conflict Classroom Based Assessment

Overview:

Below is a list of conflicts from which you will choose to analyze their causes as political, economic, geographic, and/or social. You are required to analyze at least two causes (e.g., Political and Social).

Following the list are links to two-three resources you may use for your assessment.

As well, the third resource is a primary source *or* a link to a site where you can choose from a variety of relevant primary sources.

You are required to find a fourth resource on your own to practice research skills and round out your understanding. Read the information given to you via the links first and then do your own research to fill in any gaps in your understanding.

Conflicts:

Cold War (US and USSR), 1945-1991

Independence for Indochina (Vietnam area), 1946-1975

Rwanda Genocide, 1993

Bosnian Conflict & Genocide, 1992-1995

Crisis in Darfur, 2003-

War on Terror, 2001-

Islamic State in the world, 2013 -

Research Guiding Questions: Answer these questions on a separate Google doc (typed). Incorporate your answers in your essay/infographic.

1. What is the conflict about? Why did it begin? What are the differing perspectives on the cause of conflict according to each side?
2. Analyze **why** at least two of the following are factors of the causes of the conflict: Political, Economic, Geographic, Social. Explain in detail how each cause is P, E, G, or S (articulate the attributes of each of these factors in your explanation).
3. What kind of destruction or change occurred because of the conflict?
4. Based on the first three sources provided to you, what gaps are there in your understanding of the conflict/causes of this conflict? What information do you need to find to make your understanding complete?
5. Find a 4th source and list it here. Based on the source's information, what new information can you add to your essay/presentation?
6. Share your answers with someone else with the same conflict and peer review each other's work to make sure you both have a complete understanding of the causes of conflict.

Sources:

Cold War:

Overview: <http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war>

Causes: <http://www.ushistory.org/us/52a.asp>

Primary Sources –Google search “Wilson Center Cold War” and select the first option: “Cold War International History Project”

Access to more primary sources:

http://millercenter.org/academic/dgs/primaryresources/cold_war

Independence for Indochina:

Overview:

http://www.the-map-as-history.com/maps/11-decolonization_independence.php

Causes & Course of the independence movement: Google search: “US Department of State Office of the Historian Dien Bien Phu” and select the first option “Dien Bien Phu & the Fall of French Indochina, 1954”

Primary sources:

http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/education/primary_sources/

Rwandan Genocide:

Overview & Causes: <http://www.history.com/topics/rwandan-genocide>

Causes: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/1288230.stm>

Primary sources: <http://rwandafile.com/>

Bosnian Conflict & Genocide:

Overview: <http://www.history.com/topics/bosnian-genocide>

Causes: <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/~bonne20s/causes.html>

Access to primary sources:

http://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/History_of_Bosnia_and_Herzegovina:_Primary_Documents

Crisis in Darfur:

Overview: <http://darfurdreamteam.org/the-crisis/crisis-overview>

Images: Google search “US holocaust memorial museum crisis in Darfur” and select first option: “Crisis in Darfur — United States Holocaust Memorial Museum”

Access to primary sources:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/episodes/heart-of-darfur/resources/?p=1280>

Hay, Jeff, ed. *The Crisis in Darfur*. Perspectives on Modern World History series. 2001. - At OHS Library, 962.6 HAY

War on Terror:

Overview:

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/bush-addresses-the-united-nations-regarding-terrorism>

Strategy 2001-2009: <http://2001-2009.state.gov/s/ct/rls/wh/6947.htm>

Primary sources: <http://www.911memorial.org/911-primary-sources>

ISIS in the world:

Background & Overview:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/rise-of-isis/>

Background: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-24179084>

Background: <http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-1169997>

Tactics:

http://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2015/05/04/isis_tactics_are_similar_to_nazi_germanys_107916.html

Access to primary sources:

<http://www.cfr.org/terrorist-organizations-and-networks/iraq-conflict-islamic-state/p33793>

Primary Source Requirements:

Your 4th source, a primary document, could be any type of source including:

- web sites
- books
- magazines
- videos (news reports, documentaries, etc.)
- radio reports
- newspapers, etc.