Research Resources and Questions
Causes of Conflict Classroom Based Assessment

<u>**Overview:**</u>
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.

<u>**Conflicts**</u>:
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 -

<u>**Research Guiding Questions:**</u> **Answer these questions on a separate piece of paper (typed or hand-written).** <u>**Incorporate your answers**</u> **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.
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. Is your understanding of the causes of the conflict complete?
7. As you finish research, submit research findings to me (your 4th source's citation only) with a 150-200 word summary of how it helps your understanding of the causes of the conflict

<u>Sources</u>:
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.britannica.com/event/Indochina-wars
       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

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.