

# Tensions & Conflicts

## Final Project – Contemporary World

You are going to assume the role of an investigative journalist and your assignment is to prepare a report on a conflict that took place after 1945. You will prepare a written report that will summarize the context, the participants and their perspectives, as well as the major events that took place during the conflict. Based on the information from this research, you will prepare a news report that you will present orally to the class. If time permits, your final task will be to prepare a written text in which you will express your opinion as to the role the international community did or did not play in the conflict.

You may complete this assignment alone or with a partner. The opinion text will be completed individually.

### Steps:

1. Choose a conflict.  
Criteria:
  - Occurred after 1945
  - Approved by the teacher
  - Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Consult a variety of sources throughout the research phase (online encyclopedias, university websites, museums websites, websites from international organizations ex.: UN).
3. Complete and submit your written report.
  - Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Present your news report to the class.
  - Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Complete and submit your opinion text regarding the role of the international community during the conflict.
  - Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Report on a Conflict**

## **Interprets a contemporary world problem**

### Competency 1

#### **Report**

Your written report must contain the following information:

- The location of the conflict
  - Country(ies), region(s) etc.
    - Name(s), political organization (system of government)
    - Situate the conflict on a map
- The main cause(s) of the conflict and any relevant information about the context
- The participants (States or non-governmental armed groups) and their interests (what is at stake for them)
- A description of the main events that occurred during the conflict and a timeline that includes at least 5 major events
- The effects of the conflict on the local population
- The reaction of the international community
  - Intervention or non-intervention
  - States or other organizations that reacted to the conflict and their interests
  - Description of the intervention (if there was outside intervention)
- Results of the conflict
  - Winners and losers
  - Consequences (territorial, political, social (people), economic etc.)
- Bibliography
  - MLA format

#### **Evaluation criteria**

- Appropriate use of knowledge

# **News Report on a Conflict**

## **Interprets a contemporary world problem**

### Competency 1

Your news report (oral presentation) will include a summary of the information you included in your written report as well as an update on the situation in the area of conflict today. Your presentation should be approximately 5 minutes in length and be accompanied by a PowerPoint.

Your news report must include the following:

- The details of the conflict
  - Location
  - Participants (States or non-governmental armed groups)
  - Causes
  - Major events
  - Results
- The role of the international community (if any)
- The current situation in the conflict area
  - Demographic situation (population, birth rate, migration, etc.)
  - Economic situation (GDP/capita, HDI, major industries etc.)
  - Political situation (tensions or conflicts today, long-term consequences of the conflict etc.)

The PowerPoint must include the following:

- A map of the region
- At least 3 images of the conflict
- At least 2 images of the country today

### **Evaluation criteria**

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# **Tensions and Conflicts – Project**

## **Examples of Topics (Post WWII)**

### **Armed Conflicts**

- Afghanistan Civil War (1990)
- Afghanistan War (2001)
- Bosnian War
- Cambodian genocide
- Cold War
- Conflicts between India and Pakistan (several)
- Conflicts between the USA and Cuba
- Cuban Revolution
- Eritrean-Ethiopian War
- Guatemalan Civil War
- Iran-Iraq War 1980
- Iraq War (2003)
- Israeli-Palestinian conflicts (several)
- Korean War
- Kosovo War
- Lebanese Civil War (1975)
- Nicaraguan Revolution
- Persian Gulf War (1991)
- Political Crisis in Haiti (several)
- Russia's wars in Chechnya
- Russia-Ukraine War (2022)
- Rwandan genocide
- Sierra Leone Civil War
- Somali Civil War
- South-Soudanese Civil War
- Soviet-Afghan War 1979
- Suez Crisis
- Syria Civil War (2011)
- Vietnam War
- Terrorism
  - Islamic State
  - Irish Republican Army