

# Causes of Conflict

A conflict can have many causes. To avoid and resolve conflicts, it helps to understand these causes. You will develop a position in which you explain the causes of a conflict.

## Your Task

In a cohesive paper or presentation, you will:

- State a claim regarding the main causes of the conflict.
- Provide background on the conflict by describing at least three of the following:
  - Who was involved in the conflict.
  - What the conflict was.
  - When the conflict took place.
  - Where the conflict took place.
- Provide background on the causes of the conflict by explaining two or more factors that helped cause the conflict.
- Provide reasons for your claim, including one of the following:
  - An analysis of how the conflict might not have occurred had one or more of the main causal factors been absent.
  - An evaluation of why at least one factor is more important than the others.
- Refer explicitly in the paper or presentation to three or more credible sources that provide relevant information:
  - Cite your sources when you draw information from them: for instance, when you summarize, paraphrase, or quote, and when you refer to facts, figures, and ideas.
  - Provide complete publication information for each source in your bibliography or list of works cited.

## Causes of Conflict Rubric

Score	4	3	2	1
Claim	I stated a claim about the main causes of a conflict, <i>and</i> I did at least one of the following: I explained whether the conflict could have been avoided. I made a generalization about what causes conflict.	I stated a claim about the main causes of a conflict.	I stated a claim about the conflict, but I did not explain which factors were the main causes.	I addressed the conflict without making a claim about the cause.
Concepts	I provided background by describing all four of the following: Who was involved in the conflict. What the conflict was. When it took place. Where it took place.	I provided background by describing three of the following: Who was involved in the conflict. What the conflict was. When it took place. Where it took place.	I provided background by describing two of the following: Who was involved in the conflict. What the conflict was. When it took place. Where it took place.	I provided background by describing one of the following: Who was involved in the conflict. What the conflict was. When it took place. Where it took place.
Causes	I provided analysis of the causes of the conflict by analyzing three factors that helped cause the conflict.	I provided background on the causes of the conflict by analyzing two factors that helped cause the conflict.	I provided background on the causes of the conflict by analyzing one factor that helped cause the conflict.	I provided some background on one cause.
Sources	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to four or more credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to three credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to two credible sources that provide relevant information.	I referred explicitly in the paper or presentation to one credible source that provides relevant information.
ELA Citations	I properly cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography, using a specific format.	I adequately cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.	I minimally cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.	I incorrectly cited sources in the paper, presentation, and bibliography.

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