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

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<td><strong>Claim</strong></td>
<td>I stated a claim about the main causes of a conflict, and 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.</td>
<td>I stated a claim about the main causes of a conflict.</td>
<td>I stated a claim about the conflict, but I did not explain which factors were the main causes.</td>
<td>I addressed the conflict without making a claim about the cause.</td>
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<td><strong>Concepts</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Causes</strong></td>
<td>I provided analysis of the causes of the conflict by analyzing three factors that helped cause the conflict.</td>
<td>I provided background on the causes of the conflict by analyzing two factors that helped cause the conflict.</td>
<td>I provided background on the causes of the conflict by analyzing one factor that helped cause the conflict.</td>
<td>I provided some background on one cause.</td>
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