

Year 9 – Conflict

Conflict is topic which looks at a variety of conflicts around the globe, focusing in on the causes and social, economic and environmental impacts of the conflict.

What should I already know?

- Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
- Globalisation and how businesses have spread across the world
- Trade and how it has an impact on the development of countries
- Understanding of the different impacts humans are having on the planet.

Key vocabulary and definitions

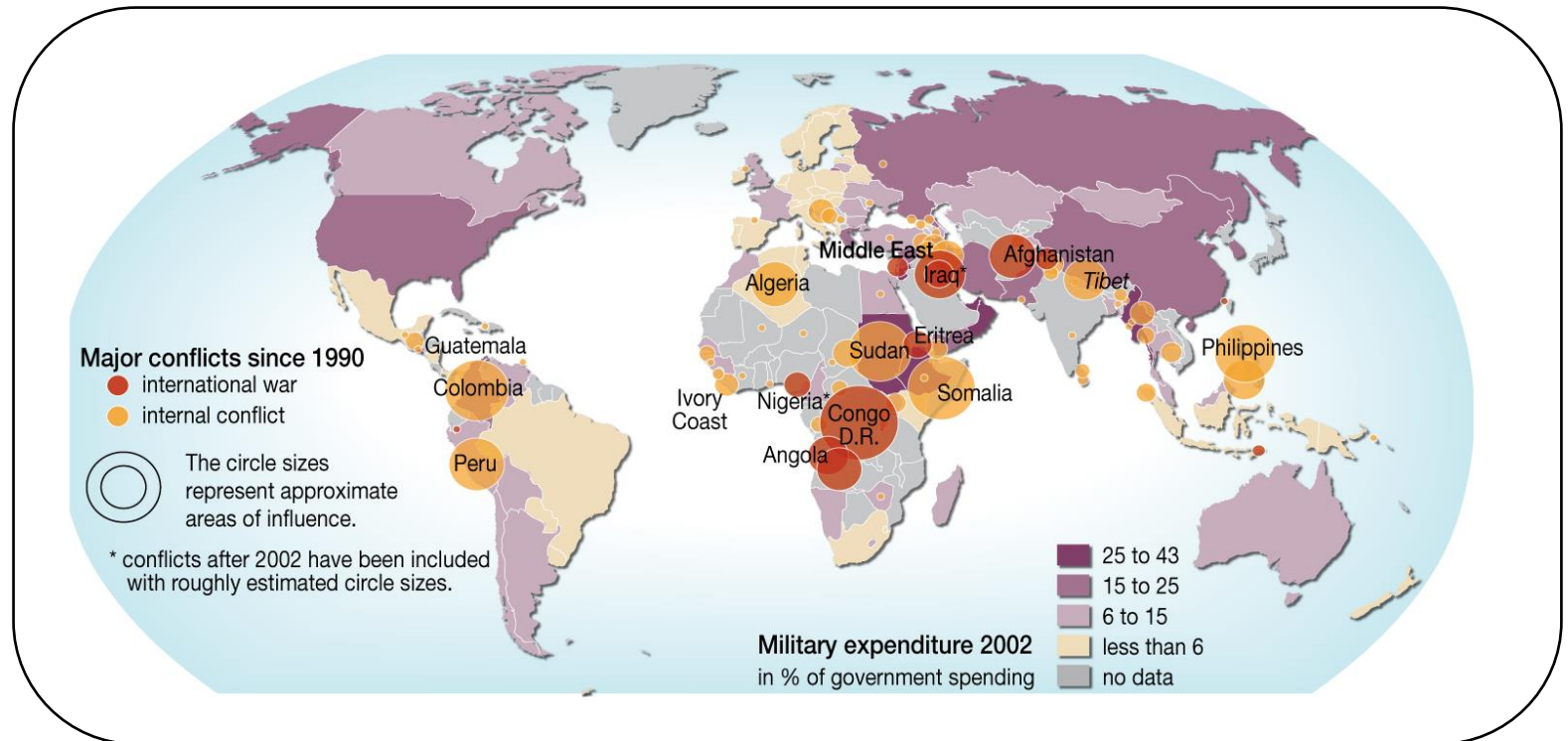
Conflict	is serious disagreement and argument about something important
War	a state of armed conflict between different countries or different groups within a country.
Piracy	the practice of attacking and robbing ships at sea
United Nations	an international organization of countries set up in 1945, in succession to the League of Nations, to promote international peace, security, and cooperation.
Pacifism	the belief that war and violence are unjustifiable and that all disputes should be settled by peaceful means:

Three main causes of conflict:

Psychological: many psychologists hold the view that as man has got the fighting instinct so conflict is inevitable.

Economic: Sometimes economic factors contribute to the development of friction or the outbreak of conflict among states. The pursuit of economic objectives both abroad and at home contributes to war

Cultural and Ideological: a divergence of views and values among the members of a society constitutes an actual or potential source of conflict and increases the difficulty of settling disputes peacefully



One conflict example- Coltan in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The UN has claimed that all the parties involved in the local civil war have been involved in the mining and sale of Coltan. One report suggested that the neighboring Rwandan army made US\$250 million from selling Coltan in less than 18 months, despite there being no Coltan in Rwanda to mine. The military forces of Uganda and Burundi are also implicated in smuggling Coltan out of Congo for resale in Belgium.

The United Nations security council has called for a stop on all payments and imports of Coltan from the Democratic Republic of Congo, due to the ongoing civil war that has dragged in the surrounding countries.

80% of the world's known coltan supply is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which the UN says is subject to "highly organized and systematic exploitation."

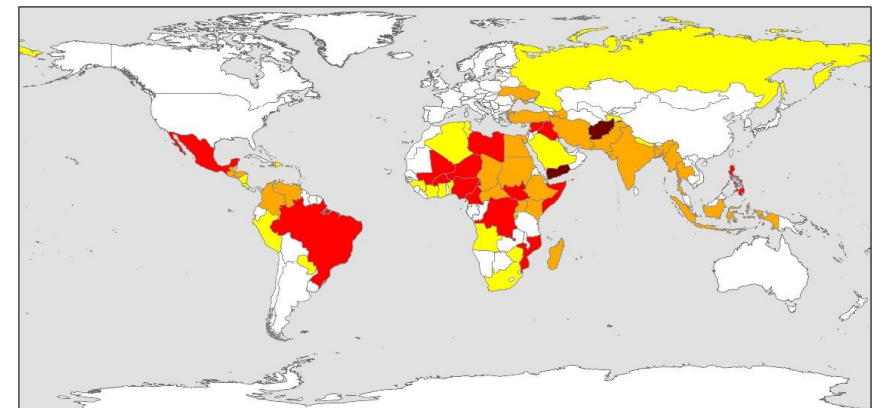
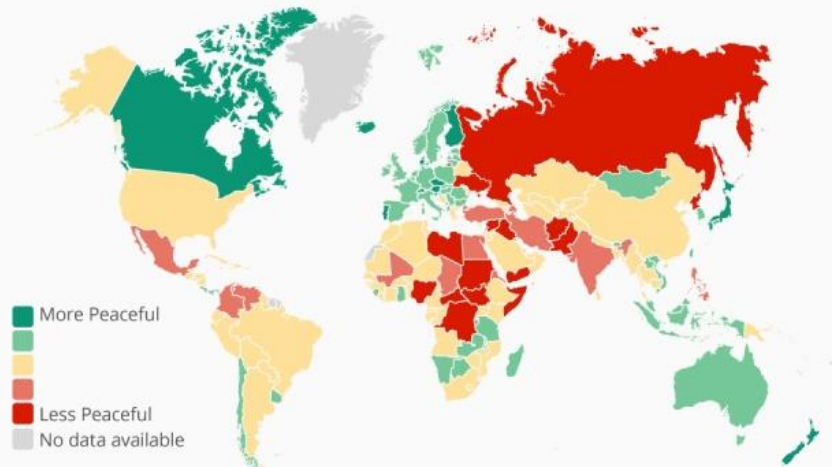
1,000–9,999 deaths in current or past year [\[edit \]](#)

Conflicts in the following list have caused at least 1,000 and fewer than 10,000 direct violent deaths in current or past calendar year. Conflicts causing at least 1,000 deaths in one calendar year are considered wars by the [Uppsala Conflict Data Program](#).^[42]

Start of conflict	Conflict	Continent	Location	Cumulative fatalities	Fatalities in 2015	Fatalities in 2016
1984	Kurdish–Turkish conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurdish–Turkish conflict (2015–present) 	Asia	 Turkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syria Iraq 	45,000+ ^[n 3]	1,900–3,423 ^[n 4]	2,467 ^[n 5]
1991	Somali Civil War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> War in Somalia 	Africa	 Somalia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenya 	500,000 ^[51]	4,365 ^[52]	4,966 ^[26]
1998	Communal conflicts in Nigeria	Africa	 Nigeria	17,156 ^[n 6]	846 ^[52]	1,131 ^[26]
2003	War in Darfur	Africa	 Sudan	178,363+ ^[55]	994 ^[52]	1,386 ^[26]
2004	War in North-West Pakistan	Asia	 Pakistan	60,854 ^[56]	2,150 ^[56]	638 ^[56]
2006	Mexican Drug War	North America	 Mexico	165,000+ ^{[57][58]}	8,122 ^[58]	6,493 ^{[60][61][62]}
2011	Libyan Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libyan Civil War 	Africa	 Libya	14,382 ^{[52][63][64]}	2,706 ^[52]	2,423 ^[26]
2011	Yemeni Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yemeni Civil War (2015–present) 	Asia	 Yemen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saudi Arabia 	7,400+ ^{[65][66]} –11,000 ^[67]	–6,425 ^[n 7]	1,017 ^{[78][79][80]}
2011	Sinai insurgency	Africa	 Egypt	4,511 ^[52]	2,560 ^[52]	1,131 ^[26]
2011	South Kordofan conflict	Africa	 Sudan	7,000+ ^{[52][81]}	1,242 ^[52]	1,427 ^[26]
2011	Ethnic violence in South Sudan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Sudanese Civil War 	Africa	 South Sudan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethiopia 	60,000+ ^[n 8]	3,152 ^[52]	2,444 ^[26]
2014	War in Donbass	Europe	 Ukraine	10,000+ ^[85]	4,327 ^{[86][87]}	1,000 ^{[88][89]}

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Ongoing Global Conflicts, as of 1 October 2020

- Conflict classification based on number of conflict-related fatalities
- Major conflicts, 10,000+ fatalities from 1 October 2019 - 1 October 2020
 - Significant conflicts, 1,000 - 9,999 fatalities from 1 October 2019 - 1 October 2020
 - Minor conflicts, 100 - 999 fatalities from 1 October 2019 - 1 October 2020
 - Skirmishes and clashes, 10 - 99 fatalities from 1 October 2019 - 1 October 2020