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What are Just Wars?

An activity of "Why do leaders start wars?"

Wars have been occurring throughout history, and they cause suffering and devastation. Although war is never totally fair, the Just War theory helps people decide whether there is a good-enough reason to wage war. The ideals of a Just War also cover how it should be fought. Read "Why do leaders start wars?" (page 7, *What's Up* April 2026) to learn more.

Based on the *What's Up* article, tick either True or False for the statements below. Then, write a correction statement for those that are false. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. The weaker country should not defend itself when attacked. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> False - <i>Countries have a right to defend themselves when attacked.</i>
2. Countries should try talking, negotiating, and making agreements before they fight. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
3. During war, places that civilians need, such as hospitals, power plants, and schools, should not be attacked. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
4. The harm brought about by war must not be worse than the problem that started it. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
5. It is alright to attack civilians (ordinary people who are not part of the armed forces) in a war. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
6. Wars do not hurt the environment because the fighting takes place only between people. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
7. War between countries can start due to disagreements, fear or desire for more power. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
8. A reason why a country invades another is that its leaders think that doing so will make them stronger or richer. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
9. War between countries will bring about peace. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False
10. Most countries today still solve their problems peacefully by talking and working together. <input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False