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Can war be a good thing?

CHALLENGE 1: OUR BRAINSTORMING

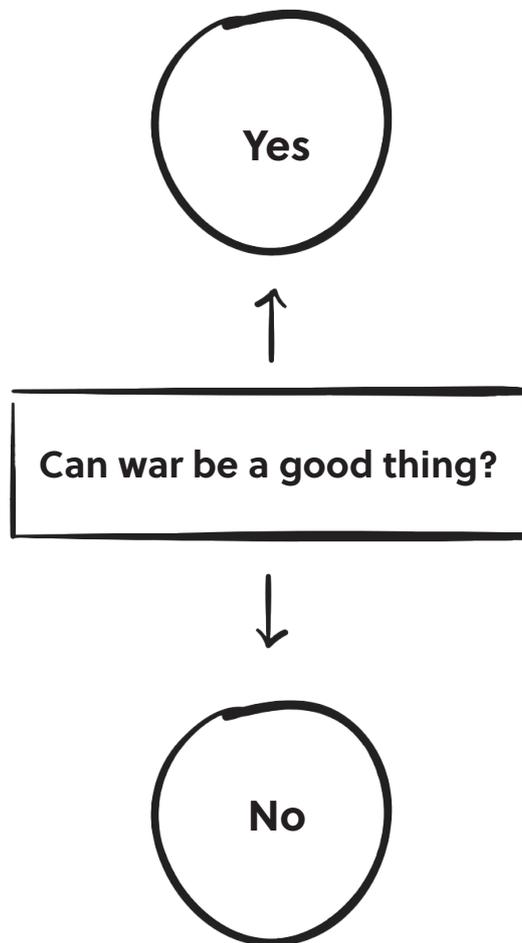
Use the space below to note down your group's initial ideas and thoughts.

CHALLENGE 2: OUR MIND MAP

Use the argumentation helpsheet to further explore your initial ideas and thoughts. Think about arguments for and against the big question.

- What evidence could you use to support or challenge the arguments?
- Where could you look for more information?
- What further questions are raised?

Add your ideas to the mind map below.



CHALLENGE 3: OUR POSITION

Your group must now decide a position to take. You must all agree!

Colour or tick the statement which shows your position.

Yes, war can be a
good thing

OR

No, war cannot be a
good thing

We think this because...

Write down your two strongest arguments. For each one, you will need to provide the point that you are arguing, some evidence to support it, and an explanation of how the evidence supports your point.

Argument 1

Point:

Evidence:

Explain:

CHALLENGE 3: OUR POSITION CONTINUED

Argument 2

Point:

Evidence:

Explain:

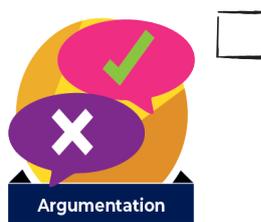
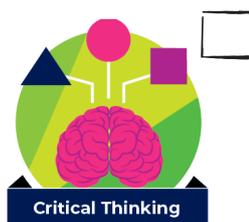
CHALLENGE 4: PRESENTING THE ARGUMENTS

Present your arguments and then listen to the arguments of another group. Then make some notes in the boxes below.

What was the other group's most convincing point?	
What argument or evidence could you use to challenge one of their points?	
One thing that was good about the other group's presentation.	
One thing that could make the other group's presentation even better.	
Can the question be answered with a definitive yes or no? Why/Why not?	

CHALLENGE SKILLS

Tick the skills you have practised.



HELPSHEET

You can use the statements below to get your discussions going.
Decide if they support or challenge the big question.

War can end oppression, e.g. the Second World War ended Nazi rule in Germany.

War is extremely expensive, e.g. the USA spent trillions of dollars on wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Millions of refugees today are ordinary families who lost their homes in wars.

Wars can lead to years of instability and violence even after the war has officially ended, e.g. in Iraq after the war in 2003.

War leads to advances in science, technology and medicine, e.g. the development of radar.

Wars can lead to long-lasting peace, e.g. Europe after the Second World War.