


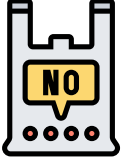











Knowledge Organiser – Should we still be fighting wars in the 21st century?

Key word	Definition	Image	Key word	Definition	Image
War	War is an organised conflict usually consisting of intense violence carried out by one state or states against another state or states.		Ahimsa	The principle of non-violence. The belief is that all living things are sacred.	
Just war theory	A just war is a war which is declared for right and noble reasons and fought in a certain way. A just war is not a war that is 'good' as such. It is a war that Christians feel to be necessary or 'just' in the circumstances, when all other solutions have been tried and have failed.		Boycott	A punitive ban on relations with other bodies, cooperation with a policy, or the handling of goods.	
Holy war	A war that is fought for religious reasons, usually backed by a religious leader		Agape	The Greek word for 'unconditional love', and the basis for the Golden Rule for Christians, and of Jesus' sacrificial crucifixion.	
Lesser Jihad	A war which is justified according to a set of rules within Islam.		Terrorism	Terrorism is where an individual, or a group who share certain beliefs, use terror as part of their campaign to.	
Greater Jihad	A Muslim's personal struggle with their faith.		Crusades	A series of wars in the 11th to 13th centuries fought by European Christians against Muslims in the Holy Land.	
		Pacifist	The belief of people who refuse to take part in war and any other form of violence		

1	What do religious people think about war?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wars to be avoided completely (Pacifists) ● Many Christians think that (Romans 13:6-7) wars are a way of paying for their dues ● Not accepting of violence (not ahimsa and causes dukkha) ● Fighting is acceptable for self defence in Islam
2	Is just War theory helpful for us today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New technologies and military equipment - Just war theory doesn't take these into account, but it can still be applied ● Has there ever been a just war? - Just war theory was originally designed to limit wars, not stop them ● The term 'just war' has tended to deny war's horrendous nature, and perhaps 'justified' or 'justifiable' would be a better term.
3	What would happen if everyone was a pacifist?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Was Jesus a pacifist? - Some Christians say yes as he tried to bring peace toward nations, others say that he showed righteous anger ● Is pacifism required? The Bible does not give a clear response ● Some may be pretending to be pacifist

TEST YOURSELF QUESTIONS	All answers can be found on these Knowledge Organiser pages
1	What is it called when a country has an organised conflict?
2	A detailed description of a pacifist is...
3	What is the principle of non-violence called?
4	Explain Just way theory in detail
5	A war that is fought for holy reasons is called...
6	The form of selfless self-sacrificing love is called..
7	What is the difference between lesser Jihad and greater Jihad?
8	Explain boycotting in detail
9	What is terrorism?
10	Explain Crusades in detail
11	What do Christians think about war?
12	What do pacifists think of war?
13	Name one reason why the Just war theory is helpful for us today
14	Challenge: Name one verse in the scriptures where it emphasises Pacifism
15	Challenge: Where in the Gospels did Jesus show righteous anger?

