

CLAIM TESTING: GLOBAL CONFLICT

Purpose

Use your knowledge of claim testing to write supporting statements for claims, and then craft counterclaims. Then, strengthen both your writing and claim-testing skills by choosing one claim and writing a paragraph.

Process

- For each claim below, write **two** supporting statements *and* a counterclaim, using evidence from this unit. Reminder: A counterclaim is a statement or argument that goes against a claim and offers an opposing viewpoint.

Claim 1: *Both World War I and II were total wars.*

(Note: Total war includes four key elements: mobilization, the rejection of compromise agreements, the blurring of lines between soldiers and civilians, and total control of society by the government.)

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	
Counterclaim	

Claim 2: *A world war is one of the best ways to boost nations' economies.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	

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Counterclaim	
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Claim 3: *The technology of war made war more dangerous and has made the world an unsafe place.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	
Counterclaim	

Claim 4: *World War I and World War II were one long continuous war.*

Supporting statement #1	
Supporting statement #2	
Counterclaim	

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2. Choose the claim that you think has the best supporting evidence. Circle it above. Write a four- or five-sentence paragraph using the supporting statement and counterclaim for the claim you circled.