

## **OLD Topic 1: Causes, practices and effects of wars**

War was a major feature of the 20th century. In this topic the different types of war should be identified, and the causes, practices and effects of these conflicts should be studied.

### **Major themes**

1. Different types and nature of 20th century warfare
  - a. Civil
  - b. Guerrilla
  - c. Limited war, total war
2. Origins and causes of wars
  - a. Long-term, short-term and immediate causes
  - b. Economic, ideological, political, religious causes
3. Nature of 20th century wars
  - a. Technological developments, tactics and strategies, air, land and sea
  - b. Homefront: economic and social impact (including changes in the role and status of women)
  - c. Resistance and revolutionary movements
4. Effects and results of wars
  - a. Peace settlements and wars ending without treaties
  - b. Attempts at collective security pre- and post-Second World War
  - c. Political repercussions and territorial changes
  - d. Post-war economic problems

### **Material for detailed study**

- First World War (1914-8)
- Second World War (1939-45)
- Africa:
  - Algerian War (1954-62)
  - Nigerian Civil War (1967-70)
- Americas:
  - Falklands/Malvinas war (1982)
  - Nicaraguan Revolution (1976-9)
- Asia and Oceania:
  - Indo-Pakistani wars (1947-9, 1965, 1971)
  - Chinese Civil War (1927-37 and 1946-9)
- Europe and Middle East:
  - Spanish Civil War (1936-9)
  - Iran–Iraq war (1980-88)
  - Gulf War (1991)