

Causes of War Exam Question

Both the AQA and Edexcel exam boards ask students to answer 4 mark exam questions. This activity asks students to attempt one of these which can then be used to assess their progress.

Explain Question Mark Scheme

Reason 1	Makes a simple point.	1 mark
	Clearly develops the point.	2 marks
Reason 2	Makes a simple point.	1 mark
	Clearly develops the point.	2 marks

Expected Content

Students could contrast any two causes of war. These will likely focus on the four causes studied in this lesson pack.

- Religion as a cause of war. Development could focus on why this causes war (for example contrasting religious beliefs) or giving an example (the Crusades).
- Economic causes of war. Development will likely focus on ideas such as competition for resources, greed and jealousy over other lifestyles. An example could be given (such as the theory that the recent Iraq War was motivated by acquiring access to oil).
- Nationalism as a cause of war. Development will likely focus on an explanation of nationalism and how it can lead to war to assert a nation's territorial rights. The Second World War could be used as an example here.
- Ideological causes of war. Like religion, this will likely focus on how contrasting political beliefs can cause tension and ultimately conflict. An example such as the Vietnam War could be given.

