

Student Guide

The Big Question to Answer: When do you think it is OK or Not OK to go to war?

Directions: The follow questions are to help you as you make the guidelines. You need not answer all of them.

- ✓ Is it OK to go to war if your nation is attacked?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war for economic reasons?
- ✓ For example, what if a nation was seizing your nation's cargo ships?
- ✓ What if a nation was keeping you from a vital natural resource?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war with a nation that is killing large numbers of its citizens?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war with a nation that is inhumanely treating its citizens?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war to fight terrorism?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war with a nation that militarily threatens you, but has not actually attacked your nation?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war to protect an ally?
- ✓ Is it OK to go to war on the side of an ally, even if you do not agree with why your ally went to war?

Remember!

In deciding when a nation like the U.S. is to go to war, you are dealing with the lives of soldiers and citizens.

During the role play you are to represent the character's thinking, not your own.