

1 | **why does war happen**

1.1 | **when people disagree and resort to force**

1.1.1 | **why cant countries just take each other to court?**

1.2 | **want more (greed + scarcity)**

1.2.1 | **easiest way to get stuff might be to take it from someone else**

1.2.2 | **power is almost by definition scarce, and other relative measures**

2 | **what would be required to put an end to war**

2.1 | **in most small groups, its possible to find a shared goal. however, on a national level we often don't plan that far ahead so we don't really work towards complex shared goals**

2.2 | **emergence towers (wait but why)**

2.3 | **just/moral leaders**

2.4 | **sufficient mutually assured destruction**

2.5 | **total domination**

2.6 | **uncooperative populus (if people don't want to fight/mutiny)**

3 | **is there such a thing as a just (or good, ethical, righteous) war; why/whynot**

3.1 | **for there to be a just war, there must be a common 'good'.**

3.2 | **however, is goodness relative? there seem to be some things which are generally considered good by most people, but its unclear that those are necessarily always good for everyone.**

3.3 | **if there is something that all parties agree are good, then that would be a just war?**

3.4 | **maybe there is a real ground-truth good, but we can't know what it is**

3.5 | **WWII: allied powers agreed that the holocaust was bad, but the nazis thought they were doing the right thing**

3.6 | **violence is not always bad. extend subjective experience**

3.7 | **war isn't just but one side may be in the moral correct**

3.8 | **all violence is unjust? there is always a more peaceful way**

3.9 | **abstract wars**

3.10 | **its difficult to measure the value of a life (soldiers vs civilians, citizens vs those of other countries)**