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**Arctic Claims in an Age of Warming**

Please answer these questions in response to the articles you read and your discussion about Arctic expansion:

1)      What nations are the major players in the Arctic?

  Russia, Canada, the United States, Denmark, and Norway.

2)      Why are Arctic nations interested in expanding their seabed territory?

Expanding their seabed and natural resources (oil, gas and minerals).

3)      Why is the issue of Arctic territory more pressing in the last decade or so (as compared with the previous century)?

Increased availability and accessibility due to climate change.

4)      What organization has ultimate authority over territorial claims in the Arctic? On what basis do nations claim seabed beyond their 200 mile EEZ?

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

5)      What is the potential for conflict over these resources and territorial claims?

Due to overlapping claims and competing interests among Arctic Nations conflict is possible.

6)      Why is conflict perhaps not as likely as one might assume based on claims of the Borgerson article?

International cooperation efforts and legal frameworks such as UNCLOS

7)      What do you think is the likely outcome of current events in the Arctic?

The likely effort is the Arctic could be resolved through negotiations and agreements given the existing legal framework.