

And that is how the war in Lebanon started ...

Inquiry question: Why did the war erupt in Lebanon in 1975?

Lebanon suffered from a war that lasted fifteen years and the country still feels its effects. The explanations of historians differ about the causes of the war that began in 1975 and continued until 1989.

You are a group of researchers who are looking into the causes of the Lebanese war. Your aim is to develop your own view of the factors that caused the war. You will be using the documents provided to you to address the inquiry question. You will be working in groups of 4-5 members. You will share your findings through a mind map showing the factors that led to the war and their significance.

To prepare your mind map, you will go through several activities that will help you identify the causes, decide their relevance to the question and establish connections among them.

You will then prepare your map and post it on the wall to get feedback from colleagues. The map should show how each of the causes led to the war through annotated arrows that explains how this factor contributed to the war.

Performance Indicators to keep in mind

Process

- ✓ Group members collaborated fruitfully.
- ✓ Members indicated main ideas while reading the documents.
- ✓ Members constructively discussed the documents content.
- ✓ Work was completed on time.

Content

- ✓ The mind map shows the causes of the Lebanese war.
- ✓ The mind map reveals how these factors contributed to the war.
- ✓ Historical evidence is accurate and documented.

Form

- ✓ The mind map respects the model provided.
- ✓ Short sentences are used to show the relationship between the cards and the “war circle”.
- ✓ Each card features one factor that lead to the war in 1975.
- ✓ The mind map is clear and easy to read from a distance of 1 meter.