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Level 4 – 30th May, 2021

World's 'first war' was in Sudan 13,400 years ago

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210530-first-ever-war-4.html>

Archaeologists believe the world's first war was in Sudan. They examined 61 skeletons that are 13,400 years old. They were initially discovered in the 1960s. For decades, scientists believed they were killed in a massacre. New research has revealed they were killed during a years-long war. The skeletons are now regarded as evidence of the earliest organized warfare. Scientists said the war was probably because of climate change.

The researchers looked into injuries on the skeletons. They said they were from arrows and spears. It is likely they happened during a series of long conflicts. Rival tribes competed for food that was in limited supply because of dramatic changes in climate. Ice covered much of the Northern Hemisphere. Flooding caused major changes to the availability of farmland. A researcher said: "People had to survive these changes, which were brutal."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2021/05/27/africa/violence-war-climate-jebel-sahaba-scni/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the world's first war | a. massacre |
| 2. skeletons that are | b. warfare |
| 3. They were initially discovered | c. 13,400 years old |
| 4. they were killed in a | d. of climate change |
| 5. killed during a years- | e. was in Sudan |
| 6. The skeletons are now regarded | f. in the 1960s |
| 7. the earliest organized | g. as evidence |
| 8. probably because | h. long war |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The researchers looked | a. of farmland |
| 2. Rival tribes competed | b. supply |
| 3. in limited | c. these changes |
| 4. because of dramatic changes | d. into injuries |
| 5. Ice covered much of the | e. for food |
| 6. Flooding caused major | f. Northern Hemisphere |
| 7. the availability | g. changes |
| 8. People had to survive | h. in climate |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Archaeologists (1) _____ first war was in Sudan. They examined 61 skeletons that are 13,400 years old. (2) _____ discovered in the 1960s. For decades, scientists believed they were killed (3) _____. New research has revealed they were (4) _____ years-long war. The skeletons are now regarded (5) _____ the earliest organized warfare. Scientists said the (6) _____ because of climate change.

The researchers looked (7) _____ the skeletons. They said they were from (8) _____. It is likely they happened during a (9) _____ conflicts. Rival tribes competed for food that was (10) _____ because of dramatic changes in climate. Ice covered much of the Northern Hemisphere. Flooding (11) _____ to the availability of farmland. A researcher said: "People had to survive these changes, (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WAR SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about war in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

