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Level 5 – 30th May, 2021

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

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A study has led archaeologists to believe the world's first war was in Sudan. Researchers re-examined 61 skeletons from Jebel Sahaba in the Nile Valley. The skeletons are 13,400 years old. They were discovered in the 1960s. For decades, scientists believed the millennia-old humans were killed in a massacre. New research on the injuries revealed that they were killed during a longer war that took place over several years. The skeletons are now regarded as evidence of the earliest organized warfare. Furthermore, the scientists said the war was probably because of climate change.

The researchers conducted an investigation into injuries on the skeletons. They said the injuries were caused by weapons such as arrows and spears. It is likely they happened during a series of conflicts over several decades. The researchers believe rival tribes competed for food and water that were in limited supply because of dramatic changes in climate. Ice covered a lot 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-scn/index.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Researchers re-examined | a. a massacre |
| 2. The skeletons are | b. in the 1960s |
| 3. They were discovered | c. warfare |
| 4. humans were killed in | d. of climate change |
| 5. killed during a longer | e. years |
| 6. took place over several | f. 61 skeletons |
| 7. the earliest organized | g. war |
| 8. probably because | h. 13,400 years old |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The researchers conducted | a. farmland |
| 2. the injuries were caused | b. several decades |
| 3. arrows | c. these changes |
| 4. a series of conflicts over | d. supply |
| 5. in limited | e. an investigation |
| 6. Flooding caused major | f. by weapons |
| 7. the availability of | g. changes |
| 8. People had to survive | h. and spears |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The researchers (1) _____ into injuries on the skeletons. They said the injuries were (2) _____ such as arrows and spears. It is likely they happened during a series of conflicts (3) _____. The researchers believe rival tribes competed for food and water that were (4) _____ because of dramatic changes in climate. Ice covered a lot of the Northern Hemisphere. (5) _____ changes to the availability of farmland. A researcher said: "People had to (6) _____, which were brutal."

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) _____

