Options for U.S. Involvement in Middle East Civil Wars- Syria and Yemen

World History

**Instructions:** You are going to create a Choices style activity for students studying either the Syrian or the Yemeni Civil War. For your assigned case study you will need to research the conflicts causes, key players, events to date and the consequences so far. These materials should help students to make an informed decision on the key question:

*To what extent should the U.S. intervene in this civil war?*

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| **Things to Consider** | **Possible Actions the U.S. Could Take** |
| 1. U.S. government’s past history in the region
2. Current political alliances
3. Humanitarian Consequences
4. Economics (resources, cost, trade, etc)
5. Potential impact on the War on Terror
 | 1. Political/Economic sanctions
2. No Involvement
3. Direct military intervention
4. Support/resources to one of the combatants
5. Humanitarian Aid for civilians
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| **Resources for Syria** | **Resources for Yemen** |
| Al Jazeera: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/05/syria-civil-war-explained-160505084119966.html>BBC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CoL0L_DbuQQ>Council on Foreign Relations: <https://www.cfr.org/syrian-civil-war> | BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-29319423>DW: <https://www.dw.com/en/yemens-war-explained-in-4-key-points/a-40056866>ABC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PL6Yz1a4DI>AP: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jCdym4SmMM> |

Option 1 : (Title Your Option)

Paragraph Summary of Your Option and Justification for Why It’s the Best

What Should the United States Do?

(List 3-4 specific actions you believe that the US Government Should Take)

Arguments for Option 1

(Make a List of 3-4 arguments to support your recommended actions)

Option 2 : (Title Your Option)

Paragraph Summary of Your Option and Justification for Why It’s the Best

What Should the United States Do?

(List 3-4 specific actions you believe that the US Government Should Take)

Arguments for Option 2

(Make a List of 3-4 arguments to support your recommended actions)

Option 3 : (Title Your Option)

Paragraph Summary of Your Option and Justification for Why It’s the Best.

What Should the United States Do?

(List 3-4 specific actions you believe that the US Government Should Take)

Arguments for Option 3

(Make a List of 3-4 arguments to support your recommended actions)