

**Enduring question:**

***How have modern technologies for the use of force changed the practice of international relations?***

1. Do you think that the use of the atomic bomb by the United States in the Second World War was necessary to end the war and morally justifiable? Why or why not? Consult secondary sources if needed to justify your answer.
2. Suppose a non-state actor like a terrorist group obtained nuclear weapons but did not yet use them. How might a nation-state overcome the traditional deterrence problem associated with non-state actors? (this is a difficult question, and one answer you might give is that it cannot!)
3. Who do you agree with more: Kenneth Waltz or Scott Sagan? Waltz wrote that nuclear proliferation should have a stabilizing effect on international politics, while Sagan argued the opposite. Justify your answer.
4. If you were crafting an international law to address drones, how would you attempt to address challenges associated with signature strikes and double-tap strikes in a way that countries like the US would still be willing to become a signatory?
5. Do you think the world will ever see a nuclear war? Why or why not? If not, do you think the world will ever see another nuclear bomb used?
6. Do you think nuclear-armed states or nuclear terrorism is a bigger threat to the international community?
7. What do you think are the most compelling reasons that a state might want nuclear weapons?
8. Do you think states should be allowed to produce chemical and biological weapons? If conventional bombs are allowed, should chemical or biological weapons be allowed? If not, why not? If so, should nuclear weapons be allowed also?
9. What do you think is the greatest threat facing states in the 21st century? Nuclear war? Nuclear terrorism? Cyber war? Cyber terrorism? Conventional war? Conventional terrorism? Something else? Defend your answer.
10. Is there any benefit to possessing a nuclear weapon other than deterrence? If so, should any state that has a weapon endeavor to produce as many as it can? Why or why not?