

BENCHMARK SS.7.C.4.3

Strand	C Civics and Government
Reporting Category	Government Policies and Political Processes
Standard	Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of U.S. foreign policy.
Benchmark	SS.7.C.4.3 Describe examples of how the United States has dealt with international conflicts.
Benchmark Clarifications	<p>Students will identify specific examples of international conflicts in which the United States has been involved.</p> <p>Students will identify the reasons for the United States becoming involved in past international conflicts.</p> <p>Students will analyze primary source documents pertaining to international incidents to determine the course of action taken by the United States.</p> <p>Students will identify the different methods used by the United States to deal with international conflicts.</p>
Content Limits	<p>Items will not require students to evaluate the efficacy of any decision made by the United States.</p> <p>Items will not require students to evaluate the consequences of U.S. involvement in any international conflict.</p> <p>Items are not limited to identified war, but also include humanitarian efforts, peacekeeping operations, conflict resolution, etc.</p>
Stimulus Attribute	Items addressing the United States' role in international conflicts may use historical and contemporary documents and other relevant stimuli (e.g., maps, timelines, charts, graphs, tables).
Content Focus	These terms are given in addition to those found in the standards, benchmarks, and benchmark clarifications. Additional items may include, but are not limited to, the following: Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis, Gulf Wars I and II, Iran Hostage Crisis, Korean War, terrorism, Vietnam War, World War I, and World War II.

Sample Item 35**SS.7.C.4.3****Content Focus**

Diplomacy

A country with very strong economic ties to the United States is allowing human rights violations to take place. Based on U.S. foreign policy, which is an appropriate first response?

- A. Initiate a trade ban.
- B. Initiate public protests.
- ★ C. Initiate diplomatic talks.
- D. Initiate a military operation.