

Sample Answers: International Policy Tools

Directions: Use the “International Policy Tools” presentation to take notes on the following options available to the U.S. when determining their course of action with international conflicts.

Tool/Method	Definition	Examples
diplomacy	Efforts to maintain and/or improve relations between different countries. The chief diplomat of the U.S. is the president, with the Secretary of State, who oversees the U.S. State Department, tasked with primary responsibility for actually carrying out diplomacy.	negotiating trade deals, discussing mutual problems, implementing new policies, tackling disputes.
espionage	The practice of spying on or stealing information from another country to gain political and/or military advantage.	hacking, cyber attacks, wiretapping or eavesdropping, undercover agents
humanitarian aid	Help focused on improving the health and/or wellbeing of other people. Humanitarian efforts can include providing food, medical care and supplies, education and other necessities to either a group of people or entire nation in need.	providing food, shelter, safe drinking water, improved sanitation and/or hygiene, emergency healthcare services, child protection programs, education

military actions	Utilizing military forces to wage war, defend our nation or others, and/or maintain a peacekeeping presence in another country or region.	invading another country, defending another country, using the military to keep peace between two different sides
peacekeeping operations	Enforcing a truce or armistice between nations or groups within a nation by utilizing military force, typically an international coalition.	conflict prevention and mediation, peacemaking, peace enforcement, peacebuilding
sanctions	A penalty for disobeying an international rule, law, or norm.	freezing assets, travel and visa restrictions, an embargo on the import and/or export of goods
war	An armed conflict between nations or between parties within a nation, including regular or irregular military forces	war of independence, war of liberation, civil war, invasion, religious war