



Added Value Unit

National 4 / 5

Research topic: Nuclear Weapons

Possible research questions:

- Are nuclear weapons needed for defence?
- Are nuclear weapons good value for money?
- Should the UK abolish its nuclear weapons?
- What does the public know about nuclear weapons?
- What is public opinion on nuclear weapons?
- Why are nuclear weapons called Weapons of Mass Destruction?
- What are the main concerns about having nuclear weapons?
- Are nuclear weapons a deterrent?
- What are the main political parties' views on nuclear weapons?
- Why are nuclear weapons controversial?
- Why do countries have nuclear weapons?
- Why do countries choose not to have nuclear weapons?
- Should Trident be replaced?
- Are nuclear weapons dangerous even without launching them?
- What are the risks surrounding nuclear weapons?

Research topic: Pressure Groups

Possible research questions:

- Are pressure groups important in Scotland?
- Is Scottish CND important in Scotland?

Research topic: NATO

Possible research questions:

- Is NATO still relevant in today's world?
- Should Scotland stay in NATO

Some aims of research might be:

- To learn about nuclear weapons and make an informed opinion about them;
- To collect evidence about nuclear weapons and find out public opinion/knowledge;
- To find out opinions of different groups (e.g. political parties) and present these findings clearly without bias.
- To gather information about nuclear weapons and show understanding of the arguments for and against.

Possible sources of information:

- Scottish CND – www.banthebomb.org
- Scottish CND Peace Education – www.nuclearweaponsdebate.org
- British CND – www.cnduk.org
- International campaign to abolish nuclear weapons www.icanw.org
- Website set up by 2 Nobel Peace Laureates to ensure that reliable information on WMDs is available to all www.wmdawareness.org.uk
- UK Ministry of Defence www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence
- Royal Navy <http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk>