

KEY: Biochemical Warfare: Test Your Knowledge

Biochemical warfare is the use of chemical substances to injure an enemy. This situation can create terrible consequences for individuals in affected regions. Test your knowledge of biochemical warfare with these questions. Use another sheet of paper to respond to the free response questions and remember to provide support for your answers.

Multiple Choice

Please circle the correct answer.

1. Which of these would be considered a biochemical attack?

- a. Using chemicals to kill weeds
- b. Use rubbing alcohol to tend an injury
- c. Using mustard gas to harm soldiers
- d. None of the Above

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2. Nearly how many chemicals have been classified as chemical weapons agents?

- a. 50
- b. 100
- c. 70
- d. None of the Above

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3. What event marked the limiting of chemical toxins?

- a. The formation of the United Nations
- b. The Chemical Weapons Convention
- c. The United States' anthrax crisis
- d. None of the Above

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Short Answer

Please write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.

4. How have chemical attacks been used in wars?

Germany used mustard gas in World War I and the United States used Agent Orange and Napalm in the Vietnam War

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5. What is one of the earliest incidences of biochemical warfare?

The Romans sowed the fields of Carthage with salt.

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6. Name two methods in which biochemical toxins could be released.

Toxins could be released through the air or through the water supply.

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Abstract & Logic

Please note that abstract and logic questions do not have any right or wrong answer. These questions are best suited towards class discussions.

7. Can individual people conduct biochemical attacks? Defend your answer.

Individual people can actually conduct biochemical attacks in the same manner as the Anthrax scare in the United States. Another answer could be that individuals cannot because biochemical attacks are larger-scale situations.

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8. Do you feel the use of chemical weapons in warfare should be allowed? Defend your answer.

Chemical weapons should not be allowed so as to keep citizens as safe as possible. Another answer could be that these weapons should be allowed to make war more tactical.

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