

# Handout: Drought Spurs Resource Wars

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Read the article, “**Drought Spurs Resource Wars**,” from the Water Wars collection.

1. What role does water play in the lives of the pastoralist groups of Southern Ethiopia?
2. How have the pastoralists traditionally accessed water? What is happening to their water resources?
3. Find two quotes in the article that describe the severe problems that water shortages have caused. Be sure to identify who is being quoted.

Quote 1

Quote 2

4. What are some of the local factor contributing to the water crisis? What are the international factors?

Local Factors:

International Factors:

5. How has the water crisis contributed to conflicts between the groups?

6. What steps have been taken to deal with water scarcity and its consequences? What has prevented the resolution of this issue?
  
7. Does this local problem matter to the wider world? Explain your answer.
  
8. Different groups have different concerns about the issues raised in the article. Use the information from the article to fill in the chart below. List the concern(s) raised by each of the groups. List the reason(s) for each group's concern(s).

Groups	Concern(s) raised	Reason(s) for concern(s)
The Borena		
The Gare		
Care International		
Ethiopian Government		
UN Office for Coordination of Hum. Affairs		

9. How might the perspectives of different groups affect what they are concerned about? (Refer to the chart above to help you think about this question.)
  
10. After reading the article, what questions do you still have about this issue? List two.