

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Declarations of War and Surrender

- 1. Why has the U.S. declared war only 11 times, but fought abroad far more frequently?
- 2. Are surprise attacks still seen as violations of the classical laws of war?
- 3. What are the advantages to a state in formally declaring war?
- 4. Does agreeing to a formal surrender mitigate the victor's treatment of the defeated?
- 5. Do formal declarations of war and surrender shorten wars and lessen casualties?



