**Answer Key--International Conflicts**

*Read about 8 Hotly Disputed Borders of the World* [*https://www.britannica.com/list/8-hotly-disputed-borders-of-the-world*](https://www.britannica.com/list/8-hotly-disputed-borders-of-the-world) *and complete the chart to explain the causes of each conflict.*

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|  | Geographic | Political | Economic | Historic |
| Senkaku Islands | Controlled by Japan but claimed by China | One island sold to Japanese government | Oil and gas |  |
| Kuril Islands | Controlled by Russia but Japan claims southern islands |  |  | Japan & Russia didn’t sign peace treaty at end of WWII |
| Korean Peninsula | Two countries on one peninsula | North Korea & South Korea |  | Didn’t sign peace treaty after Korean War |
| Western Sahara |  | Indigenous  Saharawis want independence from Morroco |  | Fighting for independence since 1970s |
| Antarctica |  |  | Likely valuable natural resources | Antarctica Treaty 1959—countries not allowed to fight over area |
| Israel / Palestine | Country of Israel created as homeland for Jewish people which resulted in 100 years of conflict |  |  | Britain took control of Palestine after Ottoman Empire was defeated in WWI |
| Somaliland |  | Declared independence from Somalia in 1991 but not recognized by international community |  | Britain united all Somali territories except Somaliland during WWII |
| Taiwan | China claims ownership of island of Taiwan | Separate government from China. |  | When Japan was defeated in WWII, Taiwan became part of China. When communist government took over China, the former leader of China went to Taiwan to rule. |

How are the causes of conflict interconnected?