

**Summary**

**Chapter 6: Pathways to Interstate Peace**

*EQ: What factors make it more likely that states will resolve their differences and avoid war?*

* Balance of power may increase the likelihood of peace because no aggressive state has enough of a power advantage to risk war.
* Hegemony may increase the likelihood of peace if peace is in the interests of the hegemon, since no state can challenge it.
* States use diplomacy and power balancing to try to increase international peace.
* International law and institutions have also been put in place to increase peace. The League of Nations, the United Nations, and the European Union are perhaps the three most notable examples of such attempts.
* Transnational mechanisms, including economic interdependence, a potential international community of democracies, and peace movements within a global civil society, may also increase our chances of living in a peaceful international system.