ESSAY QUESTIONS ON EIGHT ESSENTIAL STEPS
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1. Describe the new view of conflict presented by Dudley Weeks, explain how conflict partnership works, and tell what you think are the advantages and disadvantages of this approach to conflict resolution.

2. Describe 5 ineffective approaches to conflict resolution, tell which ineffective approaches you have used, and, explain from your own experiences, if you think conflict partnership would work better.

3. Describe each of the 7 basic reasons for conflict, and give examples from your own experience using 3 of them.

4. Discuss the difference between a principle and a preference. Why is it so important to communicate to someone that an injustice has occurred and what is the best way to communicate an injustice has occurred. Give a good example of something which would be an injustice rather than a preference and tell about an instance in your own life when you have spoken out for a principle you believe in.

5. Of the eight essential steps to conflict resolution that Dudley Weeks describes three of the most important ones are: clarify perceptions, build shared positive power, and generate options for mutual benefit. Explain each of these steps and from your own experience give an example of how this would work.

6. How are doables developed and how are mutual benefit agreements conceived and executed?

7. How does Dudley Weeks view anger? Compare his explanation of how to deal with anger with Thich Nhat Hanh’s and compare both of their views to the ideas in website article I wrote titled “Historical and Cross-cultural Perspectives on Anger.”

8. Write your own essay question and answer it.