**Primitive Warfare**

**Early or underdeveloped societies/civilization.**

**War existed long before the rise of civilizations.**

**Examples of primitive warfare:**

**Just how primitive is warfare…. Do chimps practice war??? Chimp troop attacking, killing and eating chimps of another troop.**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7XuXi3mqYM**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7XuXi3mqYM)

**1. Yanomami Indians: A tribe of Native people living in the jungles of the Amazon Rainforest. They are slash and burn agriculturalists supplementing their diets with hunting and gathering. Fierce, violent people. Their young men are taught to be warriors and to brutalize their women…. Women are often the cause of fights between individuals and villages.**

**Three types of fighting they practice: 1) chest pounding, 2) club fight, 3) spear fight, 4) inter village raid.**

**The club fight usually starts over adultery or accusations of adultery. Can result in death, but are usually broken up by the village headman.**

**Village raid… one village will sneak up on anther and attack killing several villagers… but usually casualties are relatively light.**

**Maring Highlanders of New Guinea: Practiced ritualized warfare.**

**1) nothing fights, 2)true fights, 3) raids/routs.**

**A true fight, the men take axes and spear, they close the distance and attack enemy from behind shields…. Bowmen continue their harassing fire. Again casualties are light. The raid or rout could lead to high casualties… and the killing of both women and children.**

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**Feature of Primitive war:**

**1. Fought at distance with weapons of little penetrating power.**

**2. Required little or no armor.**

**3. They had a high degree of ritual and ceremony that usually kept casualties low.**

**4. Objectives are often hard to identify… blend into cultural activities.**

**5. Caused often by insults, revenge, or religious demands (collecting potential sacrifices).**