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### **Polarization**

1. How does the author define polarization?
2. What is the result of polarization?
3. What is a <i>bi-directional</i> relationship?
4. What are <i>grievances</i> ? You might have to use a dictionary. Write a definition here:
5. What does the word <i>antagonistic</i> mean?
Using your own words, list five things that occur when a conflict escalates.
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11. “Formerly neutral parties are pulled to one side or the other and fewer community members can retain their moderate positions.” Please explain this statement in your own words.
12. Why does this occur?

Define:
13. <i>homogeneity</i>
14. <i>cohesiveness</i>
15. Why does group homogeneity and cohesiveness often lead to an escalation of conflict?
16. How can leaders use identity to gain support and become more powerful?
Write brief phrases or synonyms for the following words:
17. <i>engaged</i>
18. <i>mitigate</i>
19. <i>contentious</i>
20. <i>unwitting</i>
What can be done about polarization? Please list four things:
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25. Overall, why do you think that polarization is important to understand when analyzing a conflict?