Conflict Management Quotations

Note the quotations that you feel would inspire you to manage conflicts effectively and also work to help other people settle their conflicts. Write the quote in your journal and describe why it speaks to you.

Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict — alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence.

~ Dorothy Thompson

The direct use of force is such a poor solution to any problem; it is generally employed only by small children and large nations.

~ David Friedman

We are not going to deal with the violence in our communities, our homes, and our nation, until we learn to deal with the basic ethic of how we resolve our disputes and to place an emphasis on peace in the way we relate to one another.

~ Marian Wright Edelman

Non-cooperation is a measure of discipline and sacrifice, and it demands respect for the opposite views.

~ Mohandas K. Gandhi

Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict.

~ William Ellery Channing

You can’t shake hands with a clenched fist.

~ Indira Gandhi

True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.