

Can you believe we used to solve arguments with a duel? In 1804 Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton fought a duel because Hamilton did not like Burr and Burr wanted to defend his honor. The duel ended with the death of Alexander Hamilton. Today we don't solve disagreements with duels. We use other ways to come to an agreement. What you do to come to an agreement depends on what the disagreement is.

If it is a minor decision, like what game to play you could flip a coin or do rock—paper—scissors. You could think of an option that both people like or you could also try both games.

If the decision is major, like two

generals deciding which battle strategy to use, you could discuss why you think your idea is best and give reasons for doing it. You could ask other people and see what advice they have. Another possibility is to put the ideas to vote and decide what the majority thinks is best. If you have time and resources you could try many ideas until you find the right one like General Grant did. He had many more forces than General Lee. So unlike other generals before him Grant continued to attack the enemy. Even though he lost more men he won the war.

If the decision requires immediate action, you could look for points of agreement. You could also think about which one made more sense. If you can't come

to an agreement quickly, one person might have to make the decision, but don't complain or argue. Look for ways to think kindly about the choice.

But no matter what the decision is, you should think of others above yourself, use kind words in your discussion and think clearly about how each decision might help other people and be best for everyone.