

Make War not Love?

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Activity 1

Match the words on the left with their partners on the right below.

war	.....	fire
friendly	.....	crimes
Geneva	.....	carrier
arms	.....	service
aircraft	.....	zone
military	.....	race
self	.....	destruction
war	.....	defence
mass	.....	of war
prisoners	.....	Convention

Activity 2

Match the word partners from Activity 1 with the definitions below.

1. This is a huge military ship designed to carry aeroplanes.
2. These are soldiers who are captured by the enemy.
3. This means that the bombs and bullets come from your own side, not the enemy.
4. This is an official agreement about the rules of war.
5. This is when young men spend a period of time learning to be soldiers.
6. These are serious criminal activities committed by people during war time.
7. This is a competition on a national scale to make or acquire as many weapons as possible.
8. This is the area in which a war takes place.
9. This is an adjective to describe weapons which can cause large-scale (very big) damage and kill huge numbers of people.
10. This is when you defend yourself against attack.

Activity 3

Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Do you think military service is necessary? Why/not? Do you think women should do it too? Why/not? How long do you think it should take?
2. How were wars in the past different from wars today? How will wars be fought in the future?
3. Can you think of anything you would be prepared to kill or die for?
4. How should prisoners of war be treated? How should war criminals be treated?
5. What are the alternatives to going to war? Why do they so often fail?
6. Do you think self-defence is justification for killing someone? Why/not? In your opinion is self-defence on a national scale (e.g. in cases of invasion) justification for going to war?
7. In your opinion is it justifiable for a country to go to war in order to free another country from a regime which is allegedly unjust or politically contrary to its own?

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Activity 4

Do you think that it is justifiable for a country to go to war in order to free another country from a regime which is allegedly unjust or politically contrary to its own? You are going to take part in a discussion about this question on an Internet Forum at

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Task 1

- 1. Did most people agree or disagree that it is justifiable for a country to go to war in order to free another country from a regime which is allegedly unjust or politically contrary to its own?*
- 2. What was the most common reason given for agreeing or disagreeing?*

Task 2

- 1. Read the post your teacher has put on the board at: <http://forum.englishclub.com/projects/> and summarize the main points.*
- 2. Choose one point from your teacher's post which you strongly agree or disagree with and post a short paragraph in reply, stating your reasons and giving examples from your own experience where possible.*

Task 3

- 1. Read the responses other students post to your teacher. Choose one you strongly agree with and one you strongly disagree with and post responses, explaining your opinion.*
- 2. Make notes of the new words and phrases you have learned from participating in this Forum discussion activity that will help you to communicate your point of view on this subject in a classroom discussion.*

N.B. Netiquette!

PLEASE CHANGE THE DEFAULT SUBJECT LINE TO INDICATE THE OPINION/S IN YOUR POST BECAUSE IN A BUSY THREAD IT HELPS PEOPLE TO DECIDE WHICH POSTS TO READ!

Activity 5

There are so many films about war (both pro and anti) that it's impossible to suggest only one for you to watch. If you would like to increase your 'war' vocabulary why not look at the English language news websites?

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