FEEDBACK OF THE ERASMUS PROJECT

The Unknown Soldier

During the school year, as a result of an English project focuses on the main of the war and, in particular, on the war memorials, we discussed and analyzed the figure of one of these kind of war memorials: the tomb of the British Unknown Soldier.

The ways of the project's realization consisted in choose and read some sources, documents, letters, newspaper articles and others to understand the war's value of those years.

In the first, the reading and the analyzing of these documents was objective, the first purpose was to find the events (where and when) and what happened after the First World War.

After that, we focuses on the emotional aspect of the war and in particular on the war memorials. At the end of this project I can expose my personal reflections and conclusion of the war.

Thanks to the reading of a large number of documents whom contains different aspects and different opinions about the war, I have a broad overview of the topics covered.

It is important to underline the impact of the construction of the war memorial have in mind, in particular the purposes of the memorial: remember the dead, but especially condemn the war and make sure that doesn't happen in the future. I find very interesting the different view of the war memorial in time and the change of ideas and purposes of it.

In my opinion after the realization of this project I sense the horror of the war and in particular the horror of some people who use the war to economic or political purposes.

In my opinion the man needs to build the memorials to commemorate the deceased and to justify the deaths of soldiers.

In particular I feel the brutality of the war after the reading of letters addressed to the statue of the Unknown Soldier: mothers, children, veterans and others have expressed their pain on paper and I find this very emotional. In particular I have impressed the war veterans' letters which are reflected on the Unknown Soldier: share experience and good and bad emotions. Veterans wrote the letter to Unknown Soldier as he was his friend or his life partner; this underlines how the war affects everyone, puts all people at the same level because all soldiers risk their life and fight for this.

During this project I think of all deaths in all the wars that took place and are taking place. All this should lead to do not repeat the mistakes of the past. However right now in the world the same mistakes are repeated. In the end I say that the man needs peace but don't care to make it happen. Dana Pastoricchio 4^ASA – project: The Unknown Soldier