

## Homework for 24.03.2017

*Has the project offered you an occasion to reflect on the horror of the war and the necessity of peace? If yes, explain how and give a feedback on the project activity that has just finished*

In my opinion, the project offered the occasion to reflect on the horrors of the war and the need of peace.

However, it is necessary to introduce what the project Erasmus is. What have been carried out during the last three months is the result of a large research of information about the events connected to WW1 and the Unknown Warrior cult's following development and spread in all over the world. The project consists in the analysis of a series of readings, composed by informative texts, newspaper articles, audio-visual activities and extracts from a novel written by Neil Hanson and published in 2005 in England. All that was supported by class discussions and a trip, organized by our English teacher, to London where the class had seen places connected to the ritual of the Unknown Warrior and to key figures that contributed to the utmost in the steps that brought this ritual to become one of the main memorial in the world. Of course, we made this to have a 360 degrees vision of WWI, we read about what happened in the battlefields and behind them, so all the political choices that have led over time the conflict, what people thought about war – before and after the conflict and how the process of the pain of the loss of loved ones has led to the construction of memorials to not forget.

It is necessary to specify one more thing before answer the question: only a small part of the texts we read in class reported the author's idea of the war, and the opinion here that I'm arguing is the result of the analysis of these above-mentioned texts and what I already knew in my life.

As we could see in the letters sent to the Unknown Warrior people celebrate the death of all those ones that died in the First World War because they think that those ones were heroes that died for someone they didn't know that from a throne ruling the battle. We can certainly say that this thought is the result of the suffering of millions of people due to the loss of loved ones. This vision, however, is new, is exactly the opposite idea widespread among young people at the time of the First World War.

I believe that nowadays thanks to the use of internet and mainly of the social media, we have more freedom than our ancestors at the time of the First World War, and so it seems obvious that we can express our opinion without filters. It is logical to think about peace as a more accurate and efficient national system of government, but we do not realize that behind this our state hundreds of millions of people have lost their lives. The horrors of war have devastated everyone, in many cases even people that didn't lived the war. Is it possible to make possible that history will not repeat itself? We must make it clear to those who have the power (social, economic and political) that we have more power to them all together, we must resist against injustice and spread the message of peace all around the world, even where unfortunately, now there are still wars.

As I said before, this project has the purpose of give a 360 degrees vision of the argument of the WWI and so it does, it helped me a lot understand mechanics that without it I wouldn't understand because none have never told me and I couldn't imagine. It's also really interesting to see the difference between what the people expects from their actions and what happen for real because it makes you reflect on our mistakes and how can we jump over them and find a solution watching the past.