# "Enseigner la Grande Guerre, Eduquer à la paix"

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## **THE PROCESS**

- Introduction: A Message of Peace
- First step: Collecting Data
- Second step: Analysis of Literary Texts
- Third step: N. Giraldi's Novel Diary

#### Conclusion

A Shared Reflection and A Resolution For the Future



## AIM. A MESSAGE OF PEACE

Project's aim: production of



- a handbook
- a pedagogical guide about the Great War

Approach: shared and cross-cultural Focus of Project Title: studying WWI to promote PEACE

## **FIRST STEP. A SURVEY**

#### THE STEPS OF THE SURVEY

Interviews to different generations a how do people of different ages perceive the First World War and the role of women?

#### DATA COLLECTION ABOUT

- the students'
- the students' parents'
- the students' grandparents'

Perception of WWI and The Role of Women

Analysis and classification of the most frequent key words in different formats:

- tables
- spider grams
- histograms
- pie charts



## **SECOND STEP. TEXTUAL ANALYSIS**

#### LITERARY TEXTS:

- Poetry
- Fiction



In view of a wider perspective

the perceptions of those who personally experienced the conflict **Poetry** 

- Rupert Brook, The Soldier
- John McCrae, In Flander Fields
- Wilfred Owen, Dulce et Decorum Est
- Siegfried Sassoon, <u>They</u>
- Siegfried Sassoon, The Glory of Women

#### **Fiction**

D.H. Lawrence's The Fox



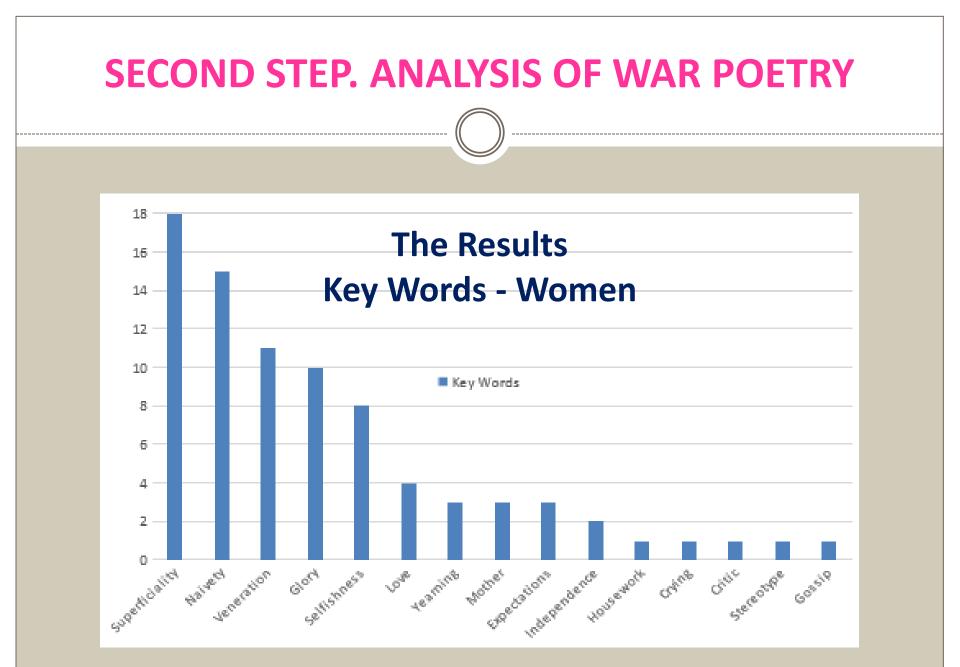
### SECOND STEP. WAR POETRY KEY WORDS FREQUENCY

#### The Perception of War 5 most frequent key words

KEY WORDS	FREQUENCY
Death	52
Horror	42
Suffering	36
Home Country	35
Blood	27



#### **SECOND STEP. ANALYSIS OF WAR POETRY** The Role of Women 5 most frequent key words **KEY WORDS FREQUENCY Superficiality** 18 **Naivety** 15 Veneration 11 Glory 10 **Selfishness** 8

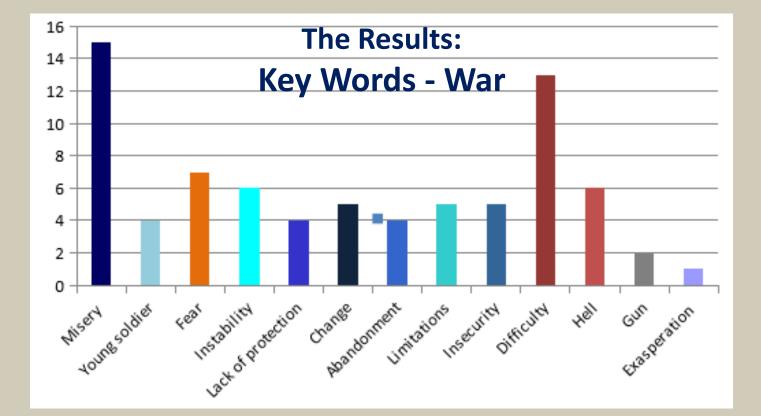


## SECOND STEP. ANALYSIS OF FICTION D.H. LAWRENCE, THE FOX

#### The Perception of War 5 most frequent key words

KEY WORDS	FREQUENCY
Misery	15
Difficulty	13
Fear	7
Instability	6
Hell	6

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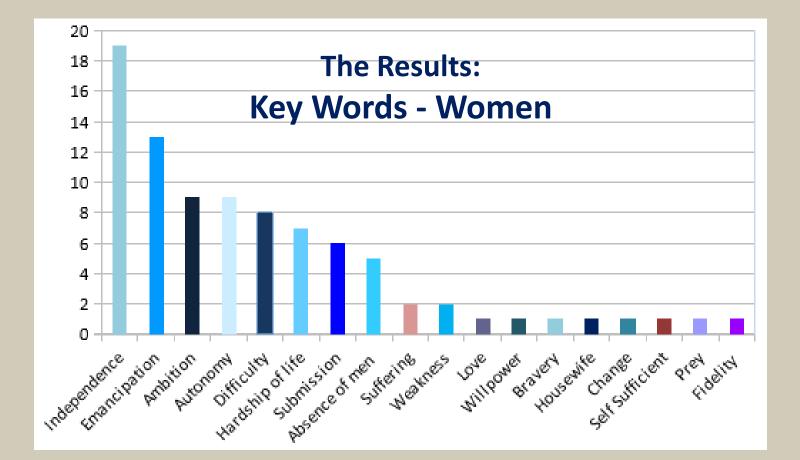


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#### The Role of Women 5 most frequent key words

KEY WORDS	FREQUENCY
Independence	19
Emancipation	13
Ambition	9
Autonomy	9
Difficulty	8

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## THIRD STEP. A NOVEL - DIARY

#### **ITALIAN FICTION**

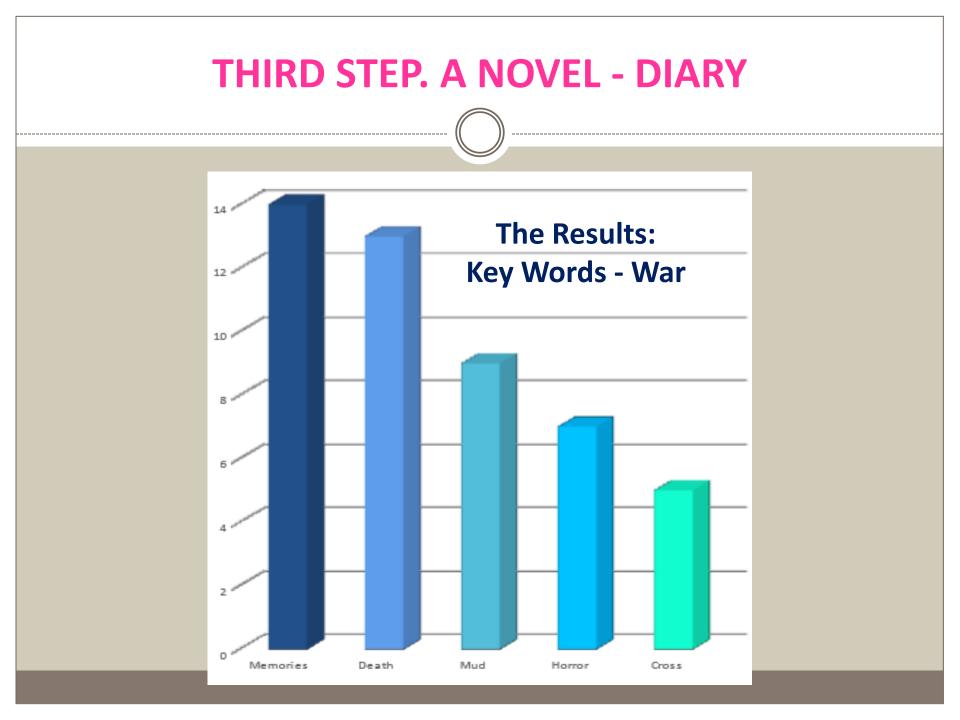
N. GIRALDI'S La Grande Guerra a piedi. Da Londra a Trieste sui luoghi del primo conflitto mondiale

Focus of our study: England's sites of N.Giraldi's walk .

A walk along the western frontline to retrace the most symbolic scenarios of the conflict.

During the activities the writer was invited to tell about his experience in our class.





### **THIRD STEP. A NOVEL - DIARY**

### The Perception of War 5 most frequent key words

KEY WORDS	FREQUENCY
Memories	14
Death	13
Mud	9
Horror	7
Cross	5

### CONCLUSION. A SHARED REFLECTION AND A RESOLUTION FOR THE FUTURE

Our conclusion shares C. A. Duffy's message in her two poems

- Last Post
- The Christmas Truce

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Mutual peace and understanding PEACE is not necessarily granted. War is still a contemporary tragedy. AND SO WHAT ?

Awareness calls for action and invites not to forget war atrocities

Hamlet's words resonate in our ears

"to take arms against a sea of troubles"

## **OUR TASK**

#### FIGHTING FOR A BETTER WORLD, ONE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE



WEAPONS TO REACH OUR AIM: Communication: Listening Interaction Dialogue Reflection sharing RESOLUTION exchange of complex

> "food for thought" one that has come to us through the lines of poetry.

### **OUR AWARENESS**

Close reading and research provided a complex point of reflection:

You cannot give simple answers to complex questions Everybody knows

#### «Nothing worthwhile is easy ....

The real things in life always demand a lot from us» (Jeanette Winterson)

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«Active studying does not confine itself to seek and keep memory. It rather implies «digging deep» into the texts in search for a concrete message: one useful for life, freedom, peace, mutual understanding and self-fulfilment»

## THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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