

REQUIRED READING: "History and War"

HISTORY AND WAR

Read the essay "History and War" by Will and Ariel Durant as a foundation for your project. Be prepared to discuss the following questions in class:

- The author appears to be an advocate for the necessity of war. Cite examples from the essay to support that statement.
- How does "the state" regard war as opposed to "the individual"?
- According to the essay, how has the art of war changed throughout history?
- Albert Einstein said, "As long as there are sovereign nations possessing great power, war is inevitable." How would the authors of this essay respond to this quotation?

PROJECT: WAR – WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

The purpose of this project is to understand war in its entirety. You will investigate the causes, practices, and effects of one of the following conflicts:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Civil War (1940's) • World War I • World War II • Korean War • Mexican Revolution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigerian Civil War • Russian Revolution • Spanish Civil War • Vietnam War |
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You can use whatever creative means necessary to produce a complete piece of work. You must provide a list of 5 or more sources that were used for this project. The following information will need to be included:

1. **What type of war was this?**
 - civil, guerilla, limited, revolutionary?
 - Was this a total war or a limited war?
2. **What was the origin or cause of this war?**
 - Include long or short term causes. Was there a failure of diplomacy?
 - Were the causes economic, political, religious?
3. **Nature of the war**
 - What were some of the technological developments?
 - What tactics or strategies were used? (air, land, sea, etc.)
 - What was life like on the home front including the role of women and minorities?
 - Were there resistance or revolutionary movements?
4. **Effects and Results**
 - Treaties, or did the war end without treaties?
 - Political repercussions, territorial changes?
 - Social and cultural effects, changes in the status of women?
 - Post-war economic problems.

You will present your project to the rest of the class. During the presentations, others will be creating a detailed chart over the information provided.