

Instructions for Students: Creating an Art Project

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In this lesson, you will explore a Kialo discussion on the question, “Is War a Necessary Evil?” After exploring the Kialo discussion, you will get a chance to answer this question for yourself by creating an art project around your opinion. You can use any artistic medium you’d like (e.g. song, poem, video, or visual art) to express yourself!

Activity instructions

Part A: Explore the Kialo discussion 👁️

1. Go to the Kialo Edu website to explore the Kialo discussion, “Is War a Necessary Evil?”
2. After you have explored the discussion for a while, decide which side of the question you support. Take notes on points in the discussion, or any other ideas that come to mind, that you might use for your art project.

TIP: Make sure to look through *the entire discussion* for information to support your point of view. Top claims that support one point of view will have sub-claims that support the other point of view.

Part B: Create your artwork! 🎨📺🎵

1. Go back over the rubric that your teacher gave you for the art project. Make sure you understand everything that you are being asked to do.
2. Using your notes from the Kialo discussion or other sources, create a work of art that expresses your opinion on the question “Is war a necessary evil?”
3. Express yourself and take some creative risks as you sink your teeth into this powerful ethical question! If you’re having trouble, think about these points:
 - What will be your medium? (Drawing? Sculpture? Song? Video?)
 - Who or what will be the focus of your piece? (People? A landscape? A symbol of some kind?)
 - Will your piece be based on a specific event, will it be more general, or will it be purely imaginary?
 - How will you express your specific reasons for your position?