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WAR AND PEACE IN THE PACIFIC

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RESEARCH

Miyuki, Airi & Kana

Our group researched “Propaganda”. At first, we did not know this word, so we began to read books and look on the internet. “Propaganda” is information the government wants its citizens to believe.

Surprisingly, most people believed it. Radio and newspapers always reported “Japan is winning, so let’s try hard for our soldiers”. Many posters stated the same thing. After World War II, people understood that the information worked to raise their morale. We spoke with two Japanese nuns who experienced World War II. They said “We couldn’t believe Japan lost.”

In this project, we were able to learn information which does not appear in Japanese textbooks. This topic was very difficult and we struggled to find and understand the information. However, we were able to finish the report together. It was a really emotional experience to participate in this project.

RESEARCH

Maki, Sai & Nao

We were shocked to have learned that there were people who had helped others in need, even when they were also suffering from the war. From this experience, we think that it is important to understand and have the knowledge of war so that our generation does not make these kinds of mistakes.

RESEARCH

Miwako & Saya

We researched the music, internment camps, and propaganda during World War II. We interviewed three people, from Australia, USA, and Japan. We learned the individual perspectives of each country and their home-fronts. At the beginning, we thought that there was still some hatred between countries but we were relieved to find out that we were often wrong. However we learned that healing is a long process.

Many countries have put their differences aside and made the peace we have today. Young generations must keep learning about this tragedy and work hard to make the world more peaceful.

RESEARCH

Kanako & Mau

We researched the roles of women during World War II. We went to the library and searched the internet for information, and also interviewed our grandmothers to learn about their lives and the situation living on the Japanese home-front. We learned that the women in those days had a completely different and difficult lifestyle to the one's we enjoy today.

Conclusion & Appreciation

Everyone who took part in this project has learned something new about their homeland and World War II. It was a tragedy that we must never forget.

It was a great life experience for all of us and we hope and plan to use this new knowledge that we have gained in our futures.

We would very much like to thank all of the Pacific Nations and most importantly The Australian National Maritime Museum for it's wonderful kindness for inviting us to be part of this amazing project.

Let us never forget the lessons of those who have walked before us.