

# Year 8 Religious Education – Term 3 War and Peace

Key Words			
War Peace	An armed conflict between 2 or more groups	Conflict	A serious disagreement between two or more groups
	When there is an absence of war	Genocide	A mass killing of a group of people based on their religion, race or ethnicity
Pacifism	The belief that violence is always immoral or wrong	Nuclear Weapon	A weapon that uses nuclear reactions to cause huge amounts of damage to an area and killing many people



## The Reasons for Going to War



Greed

Religion

Self  
Defence

Money

Oil

Land

Power

Revenge

## Nuclear Weapons

A **nuclear weapon** uses nuclear reaction to cause massive damage to a large area killing lots of people.

Nuclear weapons have only been used once in history. They were dropped on the city of Hiroshima, Japan by the USA in 1945

Reasons for  
the use of  
nuclear  
weapons

- Stop other countries from using them on the U.K.
- We might need to use them in the future

Reasons against  
the use of  
nuclear  
weapons

- They go against pacifist ideas.
- They are seen as a waste of money
- They harm innocent civilians



## Pacifism

Pacifism is the belief that violence is wrong and must never be used. There are two types of pacifist:

Absolute pacifists believe that violence can never be used for any reason

Conditional pacifists believe that violence is sometimes acceptable, for example in self defence



Gandhi was famously a pacifist. He believed as a Hindu that we should never harm other people.

Through his pacifist teachings Gandhi was able to liberate India from British rule in 1948



As a Christian, Martin Luther King Jr. was also a pacifist. He believed that Jesus was peaceful and so that we should also be peaceful

He protested using peaceful methods in order to achieve equality for people of colour in the USA

# Year 8 Religious Education – Term 3 Check

## Comprehension Questions

1. Where was the world's first nuclear weapons dropped?
2. Why are some people against the use of nuclear weapons
3. Give 3 of the reasons a country might go to war
4. What does the world Genocide mean?
5. What does the world pacifist mean?
6. Why was Gandhi a pacifist?
7. Give 1 example, from your own knowledge, of a war.

## Research Task

Create a research poster on a Genocide that has occurred in history. Try to include:

1. What a genocide is
2. Where and when it happened
3. Which group/s of people it happened to
4. Which group/s of people carried out the genocide
5. How the genocide was carried out
6. How many victims there were and how many people were murdered

## Poster Task

Create a revision mind map of all the things we have learnt this term.

Remember to include keywords and their definitions.

Try to also include any case studies we have looked at