

## Gallery walks\_1

**Discussions around key words, quotes, definitions about peace, human rights and citizenship**

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Public	: students from the age of 10.
Disciplines	: Law, Citizenship, Human sciences, English.
Implementation conditions	: before or after the visit of the exhibition Humanitarian Adventure - Defending human dignity.
Implementation duration	: 45 minutes.
Skills	: Reading, writing, understanding, reflection.
Materials	: large papers/posters that can be hung/stuck on walls, markers (one per student).

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## Principle of activity :

Leader places several posters on walls with key words, gives students markers and asks them to walk around and write their first impression of the word on the poster. ("Write the first thing that comes to mind").

After students have finished writing on each poster, leader reads posters aloud one by one allowing for discussion between. After reading students' comments and discussing, ask students how they would define these words - have them come up with a definition as a group. Compare their definition to a dictionary definition. If students are having trouble defining a word, share the definition with them as a discussion starter - *do students agree or disagree with the definition?*

### KEYWORDS EXAMPLES

#### Peace

### Definitions

1. a state of tranquillity or quiet as
  - a. freedom from civil disturbance
  - b. a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom
2. freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions
3. harmony in personal relations
4. a state or period of mutual concord between governments

**War**

1. a state of usually open and declared armed hostile conflict between states or nations
2. a state of hostility, conflict or antagonism
3. a struggle or competition between opposing forces or for a particular end

**Law**

1. A binding custom or practice of a community; a rule of conducts or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority
2. a rule or order that is advisable or obligatory to observe

**Right**

1. Qualities (as adherence to duty or obedience to lawful authority) that together constitute the ideal of moral propriety or merit moral approval
2. something to which one has a just claim: as
  - a. the power or privilege to which one is justly entitled
  - b. the interest one has in a piece of property
3. something that one may properly claim as due

## Proposed question to be addressed:

1. Is peace simply the absence of war?
2. Can peace exist without war?
3. Is peace synonymous with guaranteed rights?
  - a. How are they different?
4. How do some of these words change depending on which side you are on?
5. Can peace be described as the fulfilment of basic needs?
  - a. If so, are these needs the same for everyone at all times?
6. Is there such a thing as a *just war*?
7. It is sometimes said that *peace can be achieved only by guaranteeing security* (ex: the Cold War). What are some possible repercussions of this way of thinking?

## A quote for discussion:

« Freedom is not a gift from Heaven - one must fight for it every day. » Simon Wiesenthal.

Related Question: What does *fight* mean in this context?