

Lessons of War

An activity of "World must help refugees return to a normal life"

Read **"World must help refugees return to a normal life"** (page 1, *What's Up* October 2019) to find out more about the global refugee crisis. Many of the refugees fled from wars. Could those wars have been prevented if countries paid more attention to building peace? We will never know for sure. Nevertheless, let's spend some time thinking about that possibility.

- A. Form groups of four or five students to work on this activity.
- B. The following ten countries are considered amongst the most peaceful in the world. Select any five of them for your group to focus on.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Austria | <input type="checkbox"/> Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand | <input type="checkbox"/> Portugal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denmark | <input type="checkbox"/> Finland | <input type="checkbox"/> Japan | <input type="checkbox"/> Norway | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweden |

- C. Find out (i) which wars your focus countries experienced and (ii) what their level of involvement was in each war. Use the table below to organise your findings.

Our Findings & Inferences	Our Focus Countries				
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Which wars?					
Nature of involvement?					
Speculate within your group. What may have been learnt by these countries through their experience of wars?					