

Humanities

A War of Words

“You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.”

--attributed to **Albert Einstein (physicist and 1921 Nobel Prize winner)**

“One ought never to turn one’s back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half.”

--**Winston Churchill (British prime minister 1940-1945 and 1951-1955)**

“The basic problems facing the world today are not susceptible to a military solution.

--**John F. Kennedy (U.S. president 1961-1963)**

“What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy?”

--**Mohandes Gandhi (leader of nonviolent revolution for India’s independence, assassinated 1948)**

“I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy.

--**John Adams (U.S. president 1797-1801)**

“More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars.”

--**Franklin Delano Roosevelt (U.S. president 1933-1945)**

“You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.”

--**Jeannette Rankin (U.S. House of Representatives, 1917-1919 and 1941-1943)**

“War ... should only be declared by the authority of the people, whose toils and treasures are to support its burdens, instead of the government which is to reap its fruits.

--**James Madison (U.S. president 1809-1817)**

“I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of their way and let them have it.

--**Dwight D. Eisenhower (U.S. president 1953-1961)**

“War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn to live together in peace by killing each other’s children.

--**Jimmy Carter (U.S. president 1977-1981)**

“The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend.”

--**Abraham Lincoln (U.S. president 1861-1865)**

Choose a quote with which you either strongly agree or disagree and be prepared to explain your position.