

Ruby Park

## “Everlasting Peace”

Pondering the topic of “Our World, Our Future,” I came to reflect on the role of “our responsibility.” This prompted me to think about the brave men and women of the past who took responsibility and sacrificed themselves to fight for our peace. It is my belief that the past and history shapes the future -- thus, a harmonious tomorrow could not exist without the sacrifices of today. It is always critical to remember, appreciate, and learn from the past.

In my poster, I wanted to portray the past, present, and future simultaneously in order to express the notion that they are all inevitably linked. The soldiers on the bottom of the poster represent courageous people who sacrificed their lives so that the world could continue peacefully. The barbed wire behind them signifies the fact that in spite of impenetrable obstacles, people fought for what they believed in, and their sacrifice allowed a peaceful and harmonious world. The graves behind them are meant to show the sacrifice that paved the way for peace, while the red poppies illustrate our remembrance of their gift to humanity.

The bubbles surrounding various flags of the world’s nations contain images of people from all over the world living happily and at peace, doing what they enjoy. They are people of the present and the future, which are all peaceful thanks to the sacrifices of those depicted below.

The center of my poster imagines the nations of the world united as one continuous circle to show that every country and culture is inherently connected to one another. The dove sits atop the peace sign and watches over the world, symbolizing the unifying power of peace. Only when all the countries of our world come together in an effort to help one another can humanity achieve the best possible future for all.