

# TEACHER'S GUIDE



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| <b>Suggested Level</b>               | Secondary 1-2 (7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)   |
| <b>Length</b>                        | 55 minutes (1 period)  |
| <b>Subjects</b>                      | English, language of instruction   |
| <b>Broad Areas of Learning</b>       | Citizenship and community life   |
| <b>Focuses of Development</b>        | Contributing to a culture of peace   |
| <b>Educational Aim</b>               | Encourage the student to form a critical and objective opinion with regards to war and militarism, and to support their opinion. |
| <b>Subject-Specific Competencies</b> | To write self-expressive, narrative and information-based texts  |
| <b>Cross-Curricular Competencies</b> | To exercise critical judgment  |

## Background Information

The United States, Great Britain, and a coalition of other countries began a war against Iraq on the 20th of March, 2003, despite the official opposition of the United Nations (UN) and numerous other countries, including France, Germany, and Russia. Ever since the beginning, the motivation for the war as well as its legitimacy have been hotly debated all over the world, and still remain controversial. In Canada, and especially in Quebec, thousands of people gathered in the streets to display their disagreement with the war and to demand that the Canadian Government not be involved.

## Instructions

As a strong defender of peace, the student is invited to write a short text in their preferred style that presents a pacifist view opposing the war. Their opinion must be composed of arguments convincing readers through valid reasoning.

It is possible to send the students' best texts to the In-Terre-Actif Network for publishing in the In-Terre-Actif Journal or on the website ([www.in-terre-actif.com/english](http://www.in-terre-actif.com/english)). It is a wonderful way to motivate your students and to spread their points of view and their ideas.

 You may wish to consult the following sources and offer them to your students to learn more about the war in Iraq:

**Comité de Solidarité/Trois-Rivières :** [www.cs3r.org](http://www.cs3r.org)

**In-Terre-Actif Network:** [www.in-terre-actif.com/english](http://www.in-terre-actif.com/english)

**Stop the War Coalition:** [www.stopwar.org.uk](http://www.stopwar.org.uk)

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