

Eilish Woods

PEACE means accepting others no matter what their race, nationality, religion, etc, and not fighting or discriminating against them. A peaceful world would be a world without war, poverty, or hatred and a world where everyone treated each other as equals. Peace feels like happiness and acceptance in life and not having to worry about the hatred of others. A peaceful world would be a world without bullying, sadness and stress because everyone would treat each other respectfully and kindly. If there was no bullying or discrimination much fewer people would commit suicide and self harm. That in itself would be a more peaceful world than the one we live in today. *'Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding.'* Albert Einstein

Lisa Gill

PEACE *"We must meet hatred with love"*

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Martin Luther King, risked his life to do God's work. To me, this quote means that the way to overrule hatred is with love. It is a powerful quote. Peace means happiness and calmness and not having anything to worry about in the world. The opposite to peace is hatred and war. One country fighting another for some forgotten reason and then dropping bombs on each other. If you show hatred to another person, they will do the same back to you. Peace is important because it allows us to work well together and not fight with each other.

Bronwyn Keegan

PEACE is the feeling of no pressure. The feeling of your feet buried in the sand. The warm presence of the sun, or the warmth you feel inside due to the lack of stress. When you are happy with yourself and your life, you can take on challenges. You feel love towards yourself and the world. This is the feeling that keeps us going. The feeling of contentedness. The feeling of peace. It is this peace that brings people together and this is why we must strive for world peace. It is the source of love. "Being relaxed, at peace with yourself, confident, emotionally neutral, loose, and free-floating—these are the keys to successful performance in almost everything." **Wayne W Dyer**

Aoife Hillman

PEACE *"Peace begins with a smile."* MOTHER TERESA
Peace is a state of freedom, silence, and morality. In a peaceful state of mind, you can experience a sense of happiness, calmness and relaxation. You can find peaceful places at home, or in nature. Without a sense of peace, it can be hard to relieve stress and maintain happiness. Without peace many people would experience feelings of depression, unhappiness and anger. The opposite of peace would mean not having self respect, respect for others or time for relaxation. No peace means no humanity and no love.

Hannah Shiels

PEACE To me, peace is the feeling that all is right with the world. When everyone around me in my family, my friend circle and my neighbourhood is happy, I feel at peace. It also means following what my heart says and having mutual trust and respect for people around me. *'An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.'* GANDHI
In today's society, however, peace isn't seen as important by some, which can lead to conflict and war. For example; what's happening in Syria at the moment. Peace is important because it brings people together and lessens the possibility of conflict.

Saoirse Kellegher

PEACE A simple word yet filled with complexity and meaning. In a common dictionary, it is defined as freedom from disturbance; freedom from war or violence; mental or emotional calmness. To me, peace conjures feelings of calmness, tranquillity, and general goodness in a just and fair society. The opposite of peace is anger, war, noise, and disturbance. Tranquillity is shattered and the air is tense. My favourite symbol of peace is the dove. To me, it represents joy, hope, peace, and unity. **John Lennon** once said: "Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make, something you do, something you are and something you give away."

Rose McLoughlin

PEACE to me, means happiness throughout the whole world. It means an absence of war, poverty, violence or crime. It is a world where everyone is treated equally, women and men, black and white, Muslim and Christian. Peace feels serene and without worry. It feels like you are being respected and cared for and as if you have no worries in the world. *'Peace begins with a smile'* is a famous quote from *Mother Teresa*. I believe peace can be achieved with patience between the people of the world. War between countries and political leaders is the opposite of peace and causes unnecessary sadness.

Rebecca Bohan

PEACE *'Peace cannot be kept by force—it can only be achieved by understanding.'* ALBERT EINSTEIN
Peace means no fighting or trouble between people—it means happiness. The opposite of peace is noisy and dangerous. Peace is a very important thing in our world. If there was no peace, there would be lots of war and fighting many people would be unhappy and distressed. Peace makes, our family and friends and everybody around us, happy and cheerful. If there was no peace we wouldn't feel relaxed, we would feel miserable and unhappy and the world would be a very gloomy place.

James Doyle

PEACE *"Make peace not war"* LYNX
I think peace is very important in the world. Without peace the world would be plagued by violence. Many wars have been stopped because of peace treaties. In the absence of peace these could not occur. I think peace brings happiness to people. It gives people a great feeling as they feel guilt free. However, when the world lacks peace we feel horrible. People are devastated by the atrocities carried out. So I, personally, feel peace-keeping is one of the most important roles in today's society

Caroline Dobson

PEACE What is peace? When you look up the word peace in the English dictionary it says peace means harmony between people. Peace to me is a very calm, relaxing word. We associate certain things with peace such as a dove, a white flag, and various pastel colours. But when you think of the world today is there peace? When you hear about the terrorist attacks and bombings that take place in countries all over the world, you'd wonder if peace exists at all. **Maya Angelou** once said "Hate has caused a lot of problems in the world but has not yet solved one".

Cian McWeeney

PEACE *"Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without."* BUDDHA
Peace means that there is no war. Peace means that we can all live our lives safely, and we have no threats. Peace feels good as people have no worries or no need to stress about safety. Everybody can live calmly when there is peace. The opposite of peace is war. When there is war, people are out fighting. People in countries such as Syria can never be sure if they will live to see the next day or if they will be bombed overnight. In my opinion, peace is a good thing, but should be more widespread and war should be a thing of the past, a thing only to be spoken of in our History books.

Aoife McLoughlin

PEACE *"We must become the change we want to see"* MAHATMA GANDHI.
This quote has a lot of meaning. It is short but gives the reader a lot to think about. It inspires people. It tells us that anyone can make change. Even something small makes a difference. When people think of change, they think of peace and war. So much hatred and war is going on in the world. This motivates people to create change. **Gandhi** tells us that if we have belief we can do anything. This quote is about promoting peace and not war. *"We must become the change we want to see"*, we must take time to make change for the better. To make a difference bit by bit.

Joseph Bohan

PEACE for me means a good relationship between countries, religions and people. Everyone is treated equally and everyone is accepted. The world is full of happiness, it feels great and there is no more conflict. People feel like they have a huge weight off their shoulders, they can be themselves without being afraid to do so. The opposite of peace feels terrible. There is conflict between everyone of different countries and religion. The world is in a knot! People feel scared and nervous. They feel they can't be themselves without others judging them. The world is at war, people are getting treated badly. People are filled with anger and hate of someone or something. *"We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves"* Dalai Lama

Eva Keegan

PEACE means liberty and freedom. I can picture it like a quiet, almost silent tweet of a bird in the trees or like a group of birds singing in the morning. Like a frosty spring morning with lambs in the field jumping around playing with each other, like horses neighing for their food but not neighing as if they wanted it instantly. The opposite is war, like soldiers sitting in their bunkers while aircrafts drop bombs on the so-called enemy. I picture no liberty and terror—the opposite of peace is not nice! Peace is stillness.

Shane McGourty

PEACE is complete peace between countries families and friends where there is no conflict. Peace is a good way to feel especially in a religion. The opposite of peace is where there is war between other countries over religion or territory. In society today peace is very common among people as most of us have grown up and realised that war isn't the answer. When there isn't peace there is no love. When each and every one of us loves each other the environment has a great atmosphere. Let peace be your main objective in life. Try to keep war out of your head.

Riona Cosgrove

PEACE To me peace is love and happiness. It is when you feel joy over the simple things in life. Peace is when there is no war or violence. A world without peace would be a world of greed and violence. There would be corruption everywhere and no morals. This quote means the world will be at peace, once the need to love overcomes the want of power and wealth. *"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."* Jimi Hendrix.

Colm Fitzpatrick

PEACE Peace means the friendship and communication between people, counties and countries. It feels like a peaceful and calm presence between people for example when there is peace between people they are usually friendly with each other. When countries communicate with each other constantly this is a sign of peace and friendship. The opposite of peace feels like hate, anger and aggression. When there is no peace between people it usually ends in war because they don't see sense and don't want to communicate with each other to solve the issue. Peace should be the answer to everything.

Adam Kelly

PEACE is the opposite to war. It is a compromise between two sides. In a situation peace is usually the last option or sometimes the first but it is often misused as with the saying "With Peace comes war". The term peace is commonly thrown around but few know the actual definition of peace. It has to be a compromise because if its not one side can revolt and this is evident in many situations such as the lead up to WWII when Germany felt as if it had been betrayed and decided to make their own rules. In this instance Germany thought by dictating to the rest of the world they would create peace. World peace is always an aspiration but before we can reach world peace we have to make peace in the streets. Peace in my opinion is very important but can only be obtained if the meaning of peace is understood. I think the definition of peace is a compromise between two sides trying to reach a common goal.

Francis Shanley

PEACE *"We must become the change, we want to see"*. MAHATMA GANDHI
Peace to me means people being civil to each other. Peace means no war and a happy, safe environment. If there is peace in the world there is no war and no violence. Peace feels peaceful and makes us feel happy and safe in every part of the world. We don't feel frightened and afraid to go outside our homes. Without peace what do we have? War. There is a very thin line that separates peace from war and many people have already crossed that line. The problem for them then is trying to resolve war and return to peace.

Voices of the students

from Mohill Community College 3rd years.

Many themes emerge in our poetry and literature strands in English class and to monitor their own understanding of these themes the students write in a variety of text formats. Here is a selection of extracts from their responses to the theme of **PEACE**. *Myra Reynolds*

Aaron Moran

PEACE To me, peace is people loving each other, being happy with another person or country, and not hating them. Peace is not being at war with someone like in a gangland feud, or like the war currently going on in Syria. To me, if you are happy with the way you treat a person and they treat you, then you are at peace. In my opinion, if you are not at peace with someone then maybe you are worried, but if it is someone close to you, you could be deeply saddened by it, like losing a loved one. There is no country in the world which has complete peace, because there are always problems.

Sinéad McNabola

PEACE means freedom from war and violence. Peace is, for me, happiness. It feels like knowing that everything is as it should be and that everything happened for a reason. The opposite of peace is disagreements, fighting, war, conflict, hatred and frustration. *"And I shall have some peace there, for peace, comes dropping slow"*. This is a quote about peace from *"the lake Isle of Innisfree"* by W B Yeats. The opposite of peace is war or conflict between people or countries. Peace is important in order to avoid unnecessary conflict. Peace is very important in the world today.

Eoin Gaffey

PEACE means happiness across the world. Peace means a good strong relationship between all countries in the world. It means everyone getting along well with each other without the use of physical force or violence. Peace feels like you can always be relaxed no matter where you go, without being afraid of gangs and terrorists. For me an example of what the opposite of peace feels like is life at present. E.g. People didn't go on holidays during this past summer because they were scared they would be attacked by terrorists. Another example of what the opposite of peace feels like is life in Syria at the moment. The tragedy is that young kids are going to school, hearing the sound of guns and bombs etc and their parents are worrying for their safety. *If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.* MOTHER TERESA

Alex Nitsche

PEACE to me is a state of calmness when there is no anger or hate or threat on and in a group or person. It feels good not to have to worry or fear about conflict, there is no dread, depression or resentment towards the thought of the future and what will or might happen. Peace can be between two people, groups religions or countries, anything that can be in conflict is in peace when this is not present. The opposite of peace is conflict, which means violence, aggressiveness or hostility. It feels bad as you have to fear about future conflict. *"Peace can't be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding"*. Albert Einstein.

Sean O Riordain

PEACE To me peace means people being civil and co-operating with each other to avoid violence and war. People feel safer when they know there is peace. They can roam around freely without the fear of being harmed, injured or even maybe killed. People living in safe, peaceful environments live better lives. Without peace people live in a fearful and hostile environment, for example people living in countries where there is war, fear for their lives and flee their own country to safer countries. A life without peace can bring devastation and destruction to many people and their homes.