

Is There Hope for Peace?

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Video link:
<https://lab.sapienship.co/is-there-hope-for-peace/>

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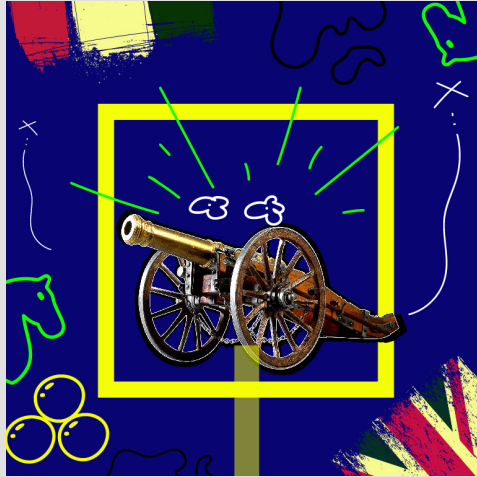
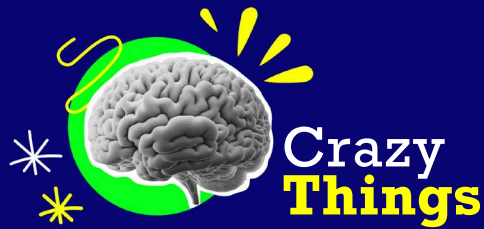
Activity

1. Display the video linked above to the group using a projector or a screen.
2. Divide the group into several teams.
3. Pick one of the questions from the list below. Let each team discuss it and then present their thoughts to the group. Alternatively, assign a different question to each team. When they present their findings, ask the remaining teams to share their thoughts as well.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is your country at war? If so, do you see a way out?
2. What are some of the reasons countries go to war?
3. Is there such a thing as a just war? What distinguishes a just war from an unjust one?
4. People often believe that some wars will last forever. Why do you think that is?
5. Can you think of something that lasts forever? If yes, what is it? If not, why do you think nothing lasts forever.

6. Yuval Noah Harari once said, "The single greatest constant of history is that everything changes."
What do you think he meant by that? Do you agree?
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