

Soldiers Are People Too: The Geneva Convention of 1864

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Process Paper

How We Chose Our Topic:

We chose our topic because both of us were interested in the rights of prisoners of war. After some research, we figured out that the rights of prisoners of war were included in the Geneva Conventions. There were four Geneva Conventions, so we chose to do the first one of 1864 because it has more background and was also where the other Geneva Conventions came from.

How We Conducted Our Research:

We found lots of secondary sources for our topic, but primary sources were harder to find. A book that was written by Henry Dunant, the creator of the Geneva Conventions, was written in another language. This meant that we were unable to use one of the best primary sources that we found. Secondary sources were very useful, however. We found the Red Cross website, which gave us lots of information on the Geneva Conventions. We tried to get interviews, but many people did not actually know much about the Geneva Convention of 1864. We did, however, find a professor by the name of Philip Harding, a history professor at the University of Kentucky who was able to give us some very useful information. He was the one that told us about the German-Danish War, and also some about the Geneva Committee.

How We Chose Our Category And Made Our Presentation:

We chose a website because we both had experience with making a website from last year. We knew how to operate the system and what we needed to include to make the website be better than before. We did not want to make an exhibit because they were too bulky and we would not be able to write much. Neither of us have good software for making a documentary, we are not very good at acting, and we could not do a paper in a group. This left us with a website, which was a good choice for us.

We used Weebly to create the website and simply put what we needed on the website. Last year, we used too many words, so this year we were careful to only write what we needed. We included pictures and made sure that the website was easy to navigate. We also found music that would go well with the theme of our website.

How This Relates To "Rights And Responsibilities":

Our topic talks about the rights of wounded soldiers and prisoners of war. Not only did these two groups have rights, the medics and army that captured the prisoners have responsibilities to provide these rights. It is still relevant today because the Geneva Conventions eventually evolved into the Red Cross, which is still helping people today.