

COMPETITION ASPECT : ESSAY WRITING

“PEACE FOR SAFETY”



I have therefore chosen this time and place to discuss a topic on which ignorance too often abounds and the truth too rarely perceived. 'Peace'.

I realize the pursuit of peace is not as dramatic as the pursuit of war, and frequently the words of the pursuers falls on deaf ears. We have no more urgent task but that is a dangerous defeatist belief. It leads to the conclusion that war is inevitable, that mankind is doomed, that we are gripped by forces that we cannot control, we need not accept that view. Our problems are man-made, there for they can be solved by man. No problem of human destiny is beyond human being. Man reason in spirit and have often solved the seemingly unsolvable and we believe they can do it again

World Peace like community peace doesn't require that each man love his neighbor. It requires that they only live together in mutual tolerance, submitting their disputes to a just and peaceful

settlement. Peace need not be impractical and war need not be inevitable. By defining our goals more clearly, by making it seem more manageable and less remote, we can help all people to see it and draw hope from it. Genuine peace must be the product of many nations and the sum of many acts. It must be dynamic and not static. Changing to meet the challenge of each new generation. For peace is a process, a way of solving problems. So let us not be blind to our differences but let us also direct attention to our common interest and a means by which those differences can be resolved and if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity

We never start a war. We do not want a war, we do not expect now a war. This our generation has already had enough. A war, hate and oppression. We shall be alert to try to stop it but we shall also do our part to build a world of peace where the weak are safe and the strong are just. We are not helpless before that very task or hopeless of its success. We must labor on, not towards a strategy of annihilation but towards a strategy of peace. The kind of peace that makes life in Earth worth living. The kind that enable men and nations grow and the hope to build a better life for their children not merely peace for a set of persons but peace for all men and women. Not peace in our time but peace in all time.

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