Conflict & Creativity: The Impact of War on Art
Themed Learning Community

From the Bronze Age plains of Troy to the modern plains of Afghanistan, writers, painters, sculptors, musicians, actors, and dancers have been fascinated with war. Some have greeted the outbreak of hostilities with enthusiasm, others with despair and horror. Their collective output is enormous and varied: Homer’s Iliad; paintings by El Greco; poems by Rudyard Kipling; dances by Isadora Duncan; plays by Berthold Brecht; songs by Bob Dylan; films by Kathryn Bigelow and Quentin Tarantino. Through discussions and analysis, students will be able to discover and examine their own attitudes toward war – its ideals, its icons, and its artistic outcomes.

OPEN TO FRESHMEN VPA MAJORS
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“How working with Visual and Performing Arts majors on this theme last year was a fascinating process. Conflict is often times an unfortunate impetus for great art, and we were able to think, talk, and write about this phenomenon in creative ways. I look forward to seeing the next group’s approach to this theme.”

- Stephanie Kummerer
Instructor

How do I sign up for a Themed Learning Community?
When planning your classes for the fall, be sure to save your seat in the TLC of your choice. Follow the directions below to add the TLC to your MyNIU Shopping Cart. At orientation, let your advisor know that you are planning to take a TLC.

1. Sign in to MyNIU using your Z-ID number and password.
2. Click MyNIU Student Center
3. Click Enrollment Shopping Cart (under your schedule)
4. Select Term (Fall 2015) then click Continue
5. Enter the Class Number of one of the TLC courses, then click Enter
6. Review the information to make sure it is correct and click Next
7. Repeat steps 5 & 6 to add all of the courses in the TLC to your Shopping Cart
8. You can now log out of MyNIU

After seeing your advisor at orientation this summer, log back into MyNIU. Find your Shopping Cart, check the boxes next to your TLC classes, and click Enroll!

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