

Teaching Peace through Language Studies

Lesson Plans for Teachers

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Peace is for everyone!

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Teaching Peace through Language Studies The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Language is the most powerful tool for teaching peace. Language teachers have the power to touch the future. Language teachers have the power to create inspire a new generation of thinkers and doers across all sectors of society. **Teach and touch the future.**



What is peace?

Many people think of peace as the absence of violence. But, peace is more than that. The United Nations provides us with 17 Goals for Sustainable Development. We can use these goals to teach the meaning of peace to our students and to our communities. Everyone can work for peace, and it's a wonderful opportunity to teach languages.



Teacher Resources:

- UN Sustainable Development Goals <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>
- World's Largest Lesson <http://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/>

Game:

- Play a game and teach the UN goals in different languages!

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The World Peace Prayer Society Peace Pole Project

The World Peace Prayer Organization is an international not-for-profit charity that promotes peace activities for communities and youth. One of the primary activities of the foundation is to have Peace Poles at schools and in communities. Learn more about this organization: <http://www.worldpeace.org/>

The Peace Pole is constructed with a minimum of four sides. Each side contains the universal prayer for peace in different languages to represent the diversity of the community: "May Peace Prevail on Earth." This is an opportunity to teach languages. It is especially important to help conserve native languages. Some communities are also adding braille and sign languages.

You can build one at your school and in your community. The community can use the Peace Pole to celebrate the International Day of Peace on September 21st with the rest of the world!



Teacher Resources:

- World Peace Prayer Organization/ The Peace Pole Project:
<http://www.peacepoleproject.org/index.html>
- Multiple Language Translations:

ENGLISH: MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

SPANISH: QUE LA PAZ PREVALEZCA EN LA TIERRA

FRENCH: PUISSE LA PAIX RÉGNER DANS LE MONDE

NAHUATL: UEYE PAKILISTLE IPAN TLALTIPAKTLE

Teaching Peace through Language Studies The Peace Pals International™ Art Contest & Exhibition

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Peace Pals International™ (Amigos de la Paz) Art Contest for Kids 5-16 years

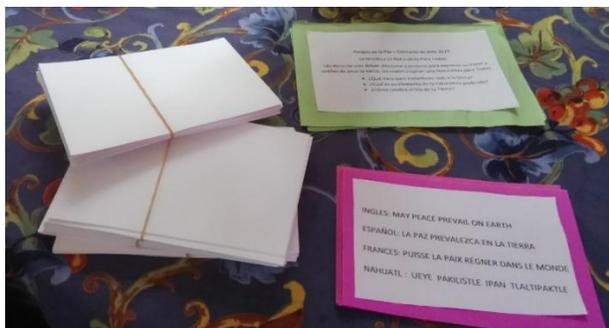
[Peace Pals International™](http://www.peacepals.org) is an international not-for-profit charity that promotes peace activities for communities and youth. Each year, the foundation has an art contest for kids. The goal of the contest is to teach kids life lessons through art. We want to inspire a new generation of thinkers and doers across all sectors of society.

Kids 5 – 16 years of age, from all around the world, can participate in this art contest with their drawings. We use technology to scan the drawings and enter the contest online. Winners are selected by a panel of international judges. Then, the winning artwork goes on exhibition at the United Nations in New York and in cities around the world.

You can use this program in your classes, and within the community, for example, with Scouts, in libraries and youth centers. The Peace Pals International Art Contest begins in February of every year and continues through August 15.

Teacher Resources:

- Contest Rules are available on-line in different languages (Spanish, English, French and German):
<http://wppspeacepals.org/es/>
 - Follow the rules! The paper size, annual theme, and words (May Peace Prevail on Earth) must be correct.
- Teaching Kit: Prepare a “kit” with the following:
 - Paper of the correct size (13 cm x 18 cm / 5 in. x 7 in.)
 - Theme cards – Explain the annual theme. **This is a wonderful opportunity to teach languages!**
 - Word cards – Provide the words, “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in different languages for the kids to copy in their artwork



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Teaching Peace through Language Studies The Goi International Essay Contest for Young People

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Peace and the Role of the Language Teacher

Language is one of the most powerful tools for peace - or it can be one of the biggest obstacles. Language teachers have the ability to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will be thinkers and doers across all sectors of society. Teachers can use language studies, innovation and technology to teach students about peace.

The Goi International Essay Contest for Young People 5-25 years

The Goi Peace Foundation is located in Tokyo, Japan. Every year it has an essay contest for kids and youth ages 5-25 years. The contest has a different theme each year similar to the Peace Pals Art Contest. Students can write essays in Spanish, English, French or German and enter the contest online.

The goal of this program is to promote a culture of peace and sustainable development. It also aims to inspire society to learn from the young minds and to think about how each of us can make a difference in the world.

The Goi International Youth Essay Contest is in partnership with the UNESCO Global Action Program (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Go online to learn more about this organization: www.goipeace.org

Teacher Resources

1. Website for Goi Foundation: www.goipeace.org
2. A Lesson Plan to help introduce the essay contest to students with tips on writing essays

LANGUAGE STUDENTS!
ENTER THE GOI INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
You can represent your country and win prizes!



Each year, the Goi Peace Foundation in Japan conducts an essay contest for young people around the world ages 5-25 years. The grand prize is a trip to Tokyo, Japan! Each year, the essay contest has a theme about one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for Peace. Learn about these goals: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>.

Write an Essay!

The Goi International Essay Contest starts each year in January and ends on June 30. Language students 5 -25 years old can write essays in Spanish, English, French or German and enter the contest on-line.

You can win valuable prizes!

- **1st Prize:** Certificate, prize of 100,000 Yen (approx. \$880 USD) and gift. 1st prize winners will be invited to the award ceremony to be held in Tokyo, Japan and will receive the Minister of Education Award. (Travel expenses will be covered by the organizer.)
- **2nd Prize:** Certificate, prize of 50,000 Yen (approx. \$440 USD) and gift
- **3rd Prize:** Certificate and gift
- Prize winners are announced on October 31st on the Goi Peace Foundation website.

Here are some tips to help you!

1. Go to the website and read the contest rules! <https://www.goipeace.or.jp/en/work/essay-contest/>
2. Have a discussion in class to talk about various ideas. You might also want to do some research about the contest theme.
3. Select an essay idea that fits the theme.
4. Write an outline to organize your paper.
5. Write the first draft.
6. Think about your essay and ways to improve it.
7. Read the contest rules again! Be sure you are following the rules!
8. Revise your essay.
9. Check for grammar.
10. Submit the essay online: <http://www.goipeace-essaycontest.org/index.php?lang=en>