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Pope says World War III pretty much here

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THE READING

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Pope Francis has said we are pretty much involved in a third world war because of all the conflicts being fought globally. He was speaking at a war memorial in Italy. He said: "War is madness....Perhaps one can speak of a third war." He added: "War is irrational. Its only plan is to bring destruction." He said the reasons countries went to war were greed, intolerance and the "lust for power".

Francis has made many appeals to end conflicts. He has focused on Gaza, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and parts of Africa. He hates war but said force could be used to stop "unjust aggression" by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. He asked people to have a "conversion of heart" and to care about all of humanity. Francis compared WWI to the "mindless wars" and "senseless massacres" of today. He said, "humanity needs to weep" for the victims.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. we are pretty much involved | a. bring destruction |
| 2. all the conflicts being | b. to war |
| 3. War is | c. power |
| 4. Its only plan is to | d. in a third world war |
| 5. the reasons countries went | e. madness |
| 6. lust for | f. fought globally |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Francis has made many | a. "conversion of heart" |
| 2. He has focused | b. could be used |
| 3. He hates war but said force | c. aggression |
| 4. stop unjust | d. appeals to end conflicts |
| 5. He asked people to have a | e. for the victims |
| 6. humanity needs to weep | f. on Gaza |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1409/140916-world-war-three-4.html>

Pope Francis has said (1) _____ involved in a third world war because of all (2) _____ fought globally. He was speaking (3) _____ in Italy. He said: "War is madness....Perhaps (4) _____ a third war." He added: "War is irrational. Its only plan is to (5) _____." He said the reasons countries went to (6) _____, intolerance and the "lust for power".

Francis has made many (7) _____ conflicts. He has focused on Gaza, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and parts of Africa. He hates (8) _____ could be used to stop "(9) _____" by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. He asked people to have a "(10) _____" and to care about all of humanity. Francis compared WWI to the (11) _____ "senseless massacres" of today. He said, "humanity (12) _____" the victims.

WAR SURVEY

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Write five interesting questions about war in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

