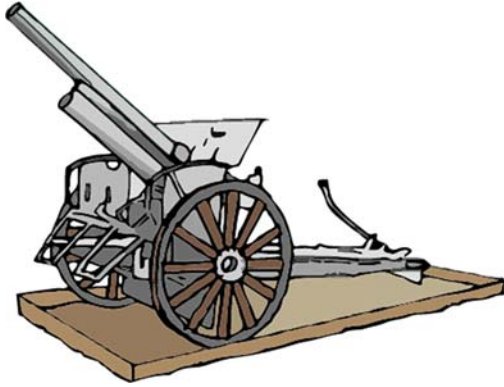


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Echoes Of Courage

Directions: Read the three short first-person accounts from World War II. Then answer the questions that follow each passage to show understanding and empathy for the people who lived through the war.

1. The Soldier's Voice: *"We woke before dawn, the cold biting through our coats. The beach ahead was silent for a moment, then thunder filled the sky. I clutched my rifle and thought of home-of my mother's kitchen and my dog waiting by the porch. When the ramp dropped, I ran forward, heart pounding, knowing the world would never be the same."*

1. Where do you think this soldier was when the events took place?
2. How does the soldier describe his feelings before the battle?
3. What image or memory helps him stay brave?
4. How might hearing this story help you understand what soldiers experienced?

2. The Nurse's Voice: *"We had so many wounded, I could barely feel my legs from running between beds. The air smelled of medicine and smoke. Some soldiers were silent, others whispered for water or home. I learned that courage isn't just on the front lines-it's in every hand that helps."*

1. What was the nurse's main responsibility during the war?
2. What emotions do you think she felt while helping the wounded?
3. What does she say about the meaning of courage?
4. How might her experience differ from a soldier's?

3. The Refugee's Voice: *"We left our town at night, walking quietly so the soldiers wouldn't hear us. My mother carried our only suitcase. I held my sister's hand and promised her we'd find safety soon. Even when we were scared, we tried to believe that peace still waited somewhere beyond the border."*

1. Why did the refugee's family have to leave their home?
2. What emotions are shown in this account?
3. What does the refugee hope for by the end of the passage?
4. How does this story show the impact of war on civilians?