

The Women's Peace Petition

Secondary Activity 1

Understanding the text of the Appeal

Activities to go with the Stimuli for the Silent Conversation exercise

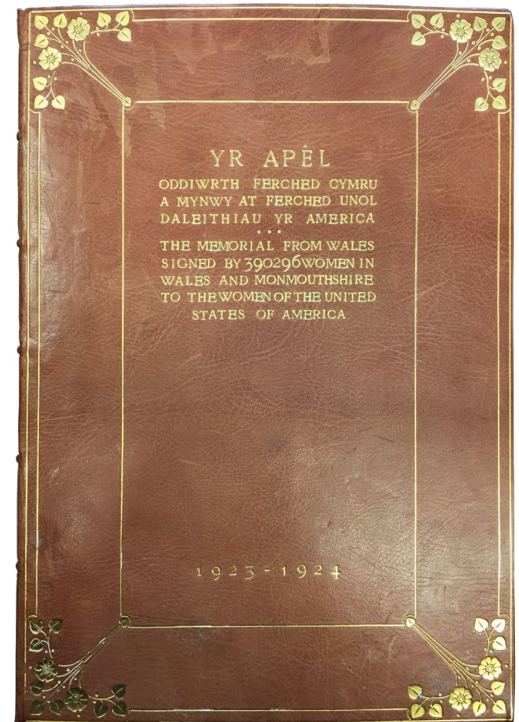
The Peace Appeal which women belonging to the Welsh League of Nations Union wrote to women in America in 1923 uses language that might feel strange to us today. They also refer to people and historical events that we may not be familiar with. The activities below aim to support learners in making sense of the stimuli.



1 Preliminary Activities: What does that mean?

A What is the meaning of the following words, used in the women's appeal?

- appeal • heritage • quest
- petition • Principality • he proceeded
- memorial • Congress • preliminary
- delegate • reconciliation • fellowship
- delegation • verdict • noxious



B Can you match up the phrases on the left with the corresponding phrase on the right?

1 - Thus the work of building the Temple of Peace was begun	i - We want to see a time when countries can solve differences without going to war.
2 - When, in 1914, the Temple of Peace was shattered to its foundations...	ii - we women of Wales, a country who doesn't hate any other country or its people...
3 - We are not actuated by any political motives	iii - Work started to create world peace
4 - The daughters of a nation whose glory it has been to cherish no hatred towards any land or people...	iv - We are happy that (our countries) have already been able to work together...
5 - Whose desire is for the coming on earth of the reign of fellowship and goodwill	v - We have no political agenda
6 - We long for the day when the affairs of nations shall be subject no longer to the verdict of the sword.	vi - play a direct role in the League of Nations
7 - We rejoice in the measure of cooperation which has already been achieved...	vii - When war broke out in 1914
8 - Direct participation in the functions of the Permanent Court of International Justice	viii - who wish for there to be peace between countries

2 Questions to go with the Stimuli for the Silent Conversation exercise:

Stimulus 1:

1 What is meant by a memorial, do you think?

2 When did this happen?

3 Why do you think women from Wales felt they needed to appeal to women in the United States?

Stimulus 2:

1 What strikes you about these women?
(e.g. their clothes? How they are standing?)

2 Where do you think they are?

3 What do you think they are holding?

4 What are they aiming to achieve?

Stimulus 3:

1 Who was Elihu Burritt?

2 Who was Henry Richard?

3 What did they do together?

4 Why is this relevant for the people writing this document?

Stimulus 4:

1 What do the writers want to achieve?

2 What has cooperation between the US and Wales already achieved?

3 What is their immediate and longer-term aim?

Stimulus 5:

1 Who is writing this diary excerpt, do you think?

2 What is the significance of the reference to President Wilson and Versailles?

3 The writer refers to 'the Movement'. What do you think she means?

4 Why are the Welsh women referred to as 'Ambassadors of Peace'?

Stimulus 6:

1 What is meant by 'our act of memorial'?

2 What is the significance of the chest? What did it contain?

3 Why do you think the writer was so thrilled with the event?

Stimulus 7:

1 What was the purpose of the women's visit to President Coolidge?

2 What did he promise to do?

3 Why do you think the women attracted 'an army of reporters'?

