

Practice Test 07

Listening Comprehension and Summary: audio file available on: eslfriend.com

Please listen carefully and summarize the following passage.

When I was a child, I was a big bad bully. I pushed my fellow classmates to the ground, broke their toys, and called them by mean names. Looking back as an adult, I regret being a bully. It was my own insecurity that led me to bullying. Now, I visit local schools a few times a year to talk to the children about bullying. I use my own experience as an example on why bullying is bad.

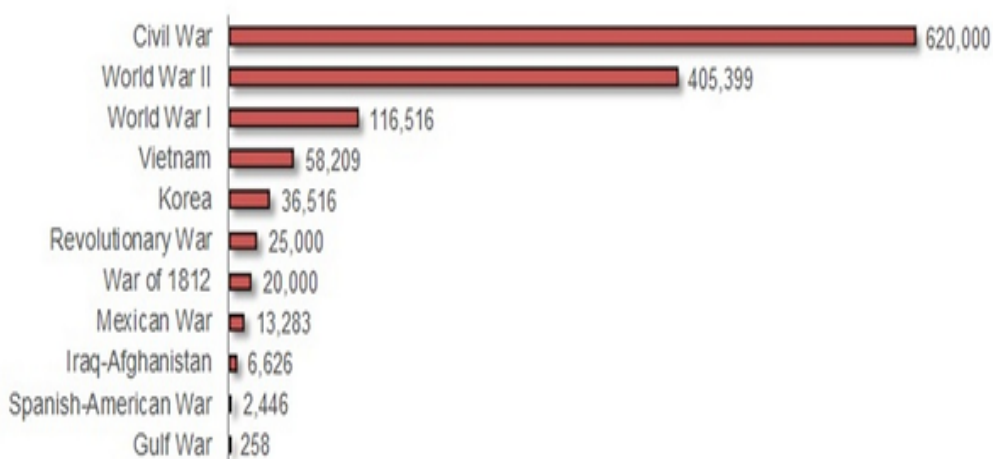
Discussion Questions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. Which is worse, physical abuse or verbal abuse?
2. If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?
3. Do you think schools should bring back corporal punishment?

Picture Description:

Please describe the picture.



Practice Test 07 Answers

Summary

When I was younger I was a bully. I broke my classmates' toys and called them bad names. Now, I regret doing those things. I realize that I was insecure and took it out on others. I visit schools and speak about bullying using my own experience of bullying to try and stop it.

Discussion Questions

1. I think verbal abuse is much more harmful than physical abuse. When people are called mean names the scars are made mentally and people remember them. Physical abuse is more temporary in that it only hurts when it is being done. The pain of verbal abuse is more permanent and since we have a hard time erasing memories, the mental pain stays with us for a long time. I can remember the time I was bullied and called names in elementary school. It still hurts when I think about it.
2. If I could change one thing about my life, I would change my job. I studied engineering because my parents thought it would lead to a more stable life, and it did. However, I really enjoy traveling so I would want a job that allows me to travel and be more mobile while I work. I think being a writer would be suitable because I would only need my laptop and an internet connection to do all of my work. This would allow me to go anywhere to get inspiration to write.
3. I think schools should bring back corporal punishment. Physical punishment is sometimes needed in order to bring back control into our middle school and high school classrooms. I have seen too many instances of teachers losing control of an entire classroom because of 1 unruly student. I think these kids are ruining the learning processes of all of their classmates because they are defiant. Corporal punishment would be an easy fix to this problem. When I was in school, the teacher used corporal punishment in our class and it was effective at controlling us.

Picture Description

Although there is no title to this graph, I can guess that this is showing the numbers of American casualties from various wars throughout history. It is surprising to see that the Civil War encountered the most casualties by far, at over 600,000 probably because the casualties from both sides were from the same country. The other wars such as WW1 and WW2 and the rest saw lower amounts of casualties.