

CWR Activity with Student Work

Critical Perspective Forming

What perspectives are included in this site?

- What did the girl feel about being a child soldier?
- What did the girl think about LTTE?
- What did the girl think about the Sri Lanka Army?

Recovered LTTE Footage

We were trained in Mullangavil, Poonaryn
It was terrible, the heat was so unbearable

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CWR Activity – Student Conclusion

Check out the source to have an understanding of the issue with Child Soldiers.

(You have not entered any response.)

Purpose: Justify your stand of whether the use of child soldiers makes the LTTE a terrorist organization or freedom fighter. Identify, evaluate and interpret evidence in the source to help you support your claim.

Investigate:
There are 4 sources in this activity. After evaluating each source, write your ideas in the notes. These ideas will guide you in forming what you will write in the last part of the activity - the conclusion. Please indicate the URL (if any) of the website that you have visited that helped in writing your short essay.

- 1 Ban for My UN? Former Ex - LTTE Cadre [View Notes](#)
- Child Soldiers of LTTE [View Notes](#)
- My Daughter the Terrorist [View Notes](#)
- When a Child goes to war [View Notes](#)

Conclusion:
Based on your findings, is the use of child soldiers an act of terrorism? Be sure to support your answer with evidence from the sources.

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