

# CAMP DES MILLES

**My Hometown Project** : English European Section of the High School Pierre Mendès France, Vitrolles

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“Even after 64 years, the Second World War is still anchored to our life. Impacts of this war are surrounding us, in our case the Camp des Milles is the strongest, the most intense testimony.

History is demanding. How can we dig deeper to understand the world we live in?

As we began to “brainstorm” on this project, we realized a simple thing : our highschool is located on Yitzhak Rabin avenue, in Vitrolles, in the south of France.

Yizhak Rabin was an Israeli political leader who was awarded the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to establish a long-term peace agreement with the Palestinian Authority.

It is linking our story to the current Israeli palestinian conflict and the difficulties the world is facing to maintain this fragile peace.

We may wonder to what extent peace is still impossible. Why the hard work of people like Yizhak Rabin who fought for peace, didn't work out? Why aren't we learning from our past mistakes?”

# The visit of the Camp des Milles Memorial



10th of October : Visit of the memorial,  
a reminder of the conditions

# Work in class and at home



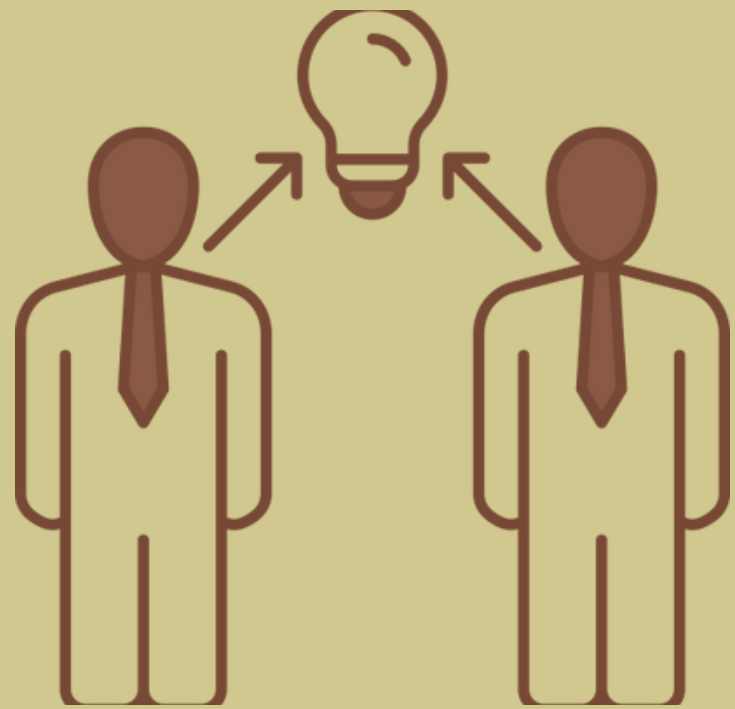
Storyboard in class and at home

Video editing at home



**Goal : raise awareness among  
the younger generation**

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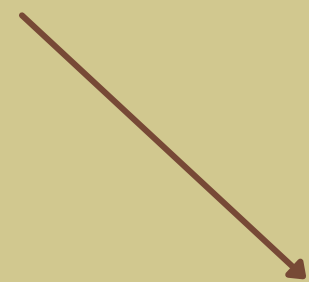
Step 1 : Brainstorming



Step 2 : Find out that our  
highschool is located on  
Yitzhak Rabin avenue



Step 3 : Link to  
current wars



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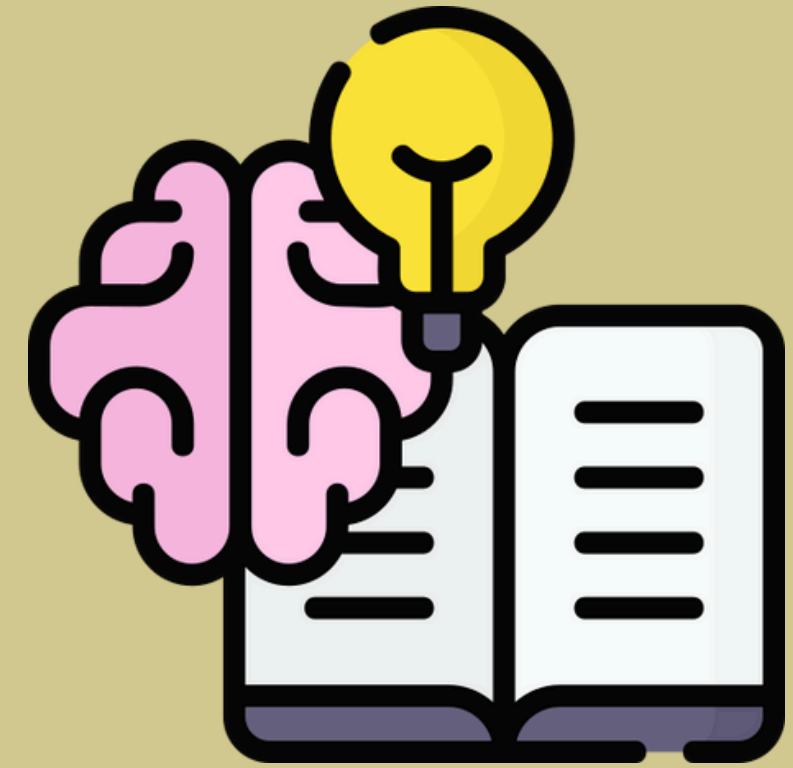
# Motivations



Draw attention on a site with a powerful history that is largely unknown to the public



To realize the horror of past events in this place



Understanding the past to comprehend our present



**Vitrolles**

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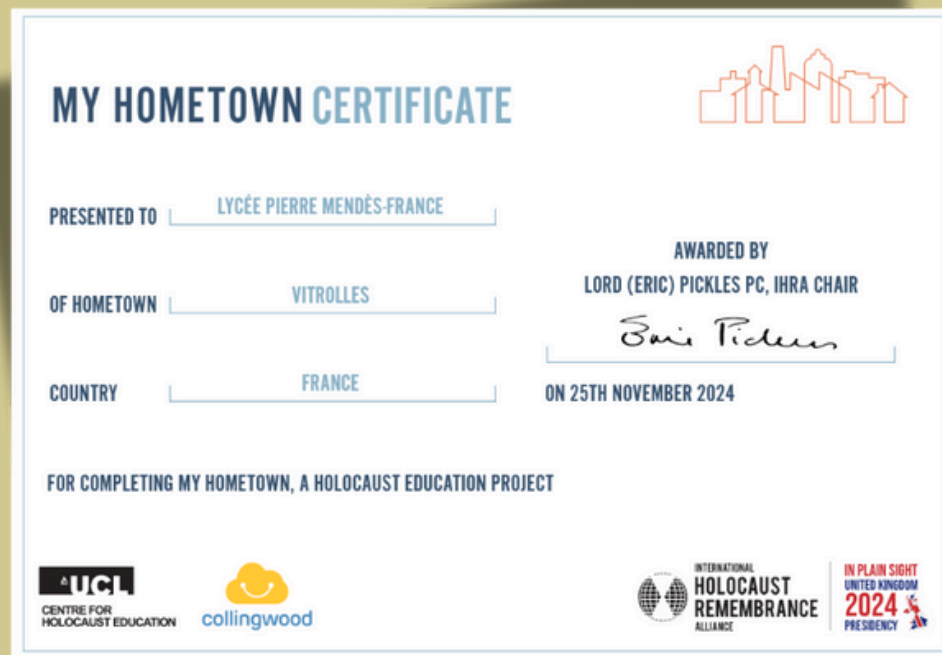
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“My Hometown is dedicated to helping young people discover and share local stories that connect their hometown to the Holocaust and its legacy.

Your submission was an excellent example of this and contributes to a better understanding of the Holocaust and the lessons we all must learn from it. Your students worked with diligence and creativity to explore the history of their hometown and share their learning with others. We hope that your students, teachers, school, and community have gained as much from My Hometown as we have.

We are delighted to supply you with certificates for both your school and your participating students. We hope these will provide a record of your contribution to My Hometown and come with the heartfelt appreciation of 35 national IHRA delegations.”

Source: Andrew Kerrison,  
My Hometown Project Manager  
& IT and Compliance Manager



## WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

✦ My Hometown is **an opportunity for students to unearth stories relating to the Holocaust through connections close to home.** Learning through active research of the local and historical environment can assist understanding of the human experience and **enable students to critically consider how and why such stories should be recognised, remembered, and told.**

✦ The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) unites governments and experts to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education, research, and remembrance and to uphold the commitments of the 2000 Stockholm Declaration. The Presidency of the IHRA is held each year by a different Member Country, on a voluntary basis. The United Kingdom holds the current IHRA Presidency, from 1 March 2024–28 February 2025.

✦ Under the UK Chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), supported by Collingwood Learning, and in partnership with UCL Centre for Holocaust Education, an international Holocaust education project called “My Hometown” has been designed. Schools from all over the world are welcome to join this initiative, by creating their own project to discover stories that connect their students’ hometown with the Holocaust and its legacy.

Source : « My hometown project » presentation