

War Through Her Lens

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How did we choose our topic?

Catherine Leroy took pictures capturing moments of time in the Vietnam War which made us interested in her as our topic. We had a couple different topics in mind, but we were not set on one. Our history teachers pitched the idea of doing our project on Catherine Leroy and gave us a brief explanation about her and both of us were really interested in her. We really liked constructing and finding research about Catherine Leroy which made it a lot easier for us. French photographer, Catherine Leroy, broke barriers overcoming gender stereotypes, embedding herself with the military and capturing intimate moments and the struggle for life during moments of conflict.

How did we conduct our research?

Our research started with us discovering how she broke barriers. Not knowing much about Catherine Leroy's life, we chose to explore her background where she was from. Once we discovered Leroy was a female photojournalist embedded with the military, we began to dig deeper in our research by analyzing her pictures. Our history class went to the Washburn University campus and had access to the books in their library as well as their databases and found more research about Catherine Leroy. At Washburn University, we found many articles elaborating on her time in Vietnam. Additionally, we found research and pictures about her time in the Middle East specifically in Beirut. As we continued to gather more and more information, we found interviews of her that have been completed. Additionally, letters to her parents when she was in Vietnam. We found a variety of information about Catherine Leroy, but a big part

about her are her photographs she captured during conflict. Her photographs have a huge impact on how she broke barriers by putting her own life at risk to capture the soldiers lives.

Why did we choose our category and how did we create our project?

We chose our category based on our interests. We both wanted something that wouldn't be boring and that would be fun for us. We created our project by putting it together as a website. We chose a website because it was convenient for the both of us and we could work on it even if we were not together. We also decided to go with a website because it allowed us to show more of her pictures in a meaningful way. We thought about our different tabs as we were researching so we already had an idea of what we wanted to do. After we found our information, we started organizing and pieced it together until our project was complete.

How does our topic relate to the theme (breaking barriers)?

Our topic relates to the theme breaking barriers in many ways. The obvious one is that she is a woman that is going in the Vietnam War to capture photographs. Catherine Leroy's pictures broke barriers putting her life in danger while capturing every photograph that was taken to present the soldiers' lives on the battlefield.