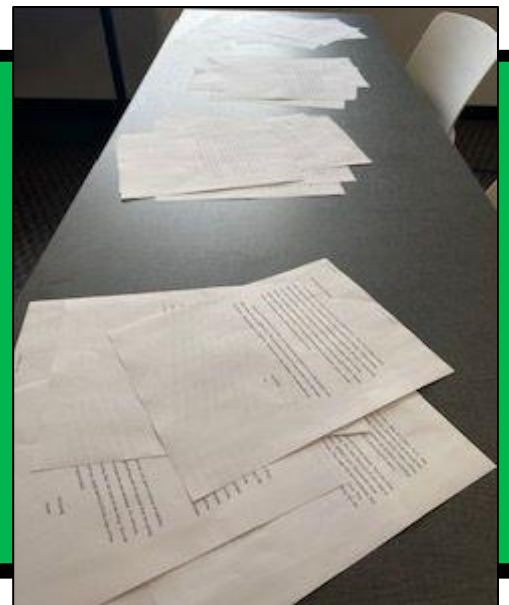




**Class message that now hangs in the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima, Japan.**

"After reading *Hiroshima* and "Sadako and the Paper Cranes", we made paper cranes in remembrance and honor of the people of Hiroshima, whose lives were changed in an instant. Our deep hope is that these cranes would be a symbolic way of embracing community and desiring peace together. We are honored to participate in this opportunity to share what we have in common...a striving for peace."



**Avail Academy**

Christian Education on Purpose

**10th Grade Language Arts**

**Storyline**

*...but now I see*

**Throughlines**

*Community builder & Image reflector*

**Our Deep Hope is to see language as a gift that opens our eyes to the truths of God's Word and world, inviting and empowering us to bless others.**



We can respond to conflict through letters and messages of encouragement in ways that unite rather than divide.

## **FLEx Story**

After reading World War II literature, students partnered with Operation Gratitude to write letters of encouragement to war veterans and deployed soldiers. Then, after reading *Hiroshima* and “Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes,” students made paper cranes, composed a message of peace, and sent the cranes to the Children’s Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan, where similar messages from around the world are displayed.

## **Student Reflections**

“Louie’s story has shone me the worst, and best, of this world. Even though humanity can be so awful, God can still work to give us the power of love, hope, and forgiveness.”

“I never really thought about how veterans came home. I kinda thought everybody would be happy, but it wasn’t. Now I see that.

## **Teacher Reflection**

This FLEx invited, nurtured, and empowered students to reflect Christ’s image as agents of peace and love. We saw the brokenness that exists in our world, but also found ways to affirm the hope we have from Revelation 21:4, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” God used us to show glimpses of his coming kingdom.