

Process Paper

We became interested in this project after learning about the White Rose during our Ethics course last year. With both of us being interested in German history, we had previously heard of this group. However, during the class, we got a new understanding of the White Rose. Up to that time, we thought of the White Rose as a resistance group that failed after the Nazis executed them. However, we learned that the White Rose was much more than that to Germany. They brought a sense of pride and hope to an otherwise depressed country. We wanted to learn more about why they are considered to be heroes of Germany despite the fact that they did not reach their goals.

To begin our research, we found some typical, secondary resources online. However, these all gave the same basic history of the White Rose, and we wanted more. After finding only a few primary sources at our local library, we went to the Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities to get a plethora of primary sources from the actual members of the White Rose, such as letters and essays. From this, we were able to see how the members of the White Rose were great leaders, but not so much about how they were a legacy in Germany, so we had to do a little more digging. We found some news articles and speeches that discussed the legacy of the White Rose through an online database, but we needed more. We realized that we didn't have to do a direct search for the impact of the White Rose. Using knowledge gained from these sources, we looked at a speech given by Hitler, and we were able to apply the events of the White Rose to the new laws he planned to make.

We decided to make a website because we wanted to be able to work on the project at anytime and anywhere. We did our research separately, so we compiled it all together on a

single document, and we cut down our information to what was necessary. We then put our information on our website and organized it into categories. We then found pictures and videos and added them to the website to make it aesthetically pleasing. We then completed our annotated bibliography and fixed the formatting to make it look perfect. We found a layout and color scheme that fit the mood of our project.

Our project relates to the theme because the White Rose led the common German people into battle. The White Rose was the first anti- Nazi group to stand up for their beliefs while the rest of Germany sat in silence afraid of the Nazis. However, after the pamphlets were distributed, more people started to stand up for their rights. They also influenced other resistance groups in Germany to fight for the same causes. The White Rose provides a legacy because it changed the stereotype placed on Germany.