



## Interpreting Modern Martyrs: Tobi's perspective teacher notes

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### Follow-up tasks

**Ask pupils to reflect independently:** Reflect on Tobi's poem, in which she imagines what Dietrich Bonhoeffer might think about being a martyr. What does it make you wonder?

**Ask pupils to discuss in pairs or in a small group:** Tobi introduces the idea of a martyr reflecting on their own martyrdom after death. Discuss what the main purpose of martyrdom is.

**Ask pupils to write an answer to this essay question:** What can we learn from statues about a martyr's life and legacy?

**Ask pupils to find out more about the martyrs mentioned:**

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/about-the-abbey/history/modern-martyrs>

**Ask pupils to produce their own creative response about all or one of the martyrs:**

You may find it useful to share these guidelines, which were given to the pupils who created the films.

#### Purpose:

Your creative responses will help your peers across the UK and the world to explore the idea of Christian martyrdom and the 10 modern martyr statues at Westminster Abbey.

#### Content:

There are lots of options of what you could create, but it must be able to be recorded and shared. It could be: a poem; an artwork; a dance; a song; a short documentary; or something else you are thinking of and want to discuss.

#### Audience:

Your creative response will be used by 14- to 18-year-olds (and their teachers) in classrooms around the UK and the world.

#### Tone:

Your creative response should be: imaginative; clear; curious; welcoming; and accessible.

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## Transcript

I received a lot of flowers after I died, and to this day I don't know why.

They say it's because I died a great person but I'm not there so I can't be certain

I received a lot of prayers after I was gone, they praise me for being there great hero Bon

"He died for his beliefs, he's a Martyr!" they said, but here I am wishing it went another way instead

I wish I was there to see what the world has become

All faiths together united as one

People together unique and free

That my dear audience would've been enough for me