Effects of War

Agony

I lost my arm, a leg; the head
of once my brother fell to me.
I caught it with a scream caressed with
Bowels, anointed with our blood –
Arterial – of crimson zest –
Ethereal in oxygenation.
My mother whined a haunting dirge
Of 'Why? ' And 'will this never end? '
I answered with my bluing lips
and gurgles of antiphony.
Dying in our agony,
we make a sorry nation.

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War means a state of armed conflict between different countries states or groups within a state. War can sometimes make decisions but it often results in nothing but long and deep streams of 'blood'. War effects a country's society, economy and infrastructure. A big example is the 30 years of war in Europe. It decreased about 30% of the population of a country which includes soldiers as well as the civilians. Frankly speaking, I think war can be a tool for controlling the population of an overpopulated country! In many cases the losing nations are required to pay war reparations which causes severe economic problems because the nation has already lost a lot of money for fulfilling the requirements of arms and the country also has to spend on the reconstruction of buildings and roads. Wars in which atomic bombs are used leave long lasting effects such as diseases and physical disabilities. After the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, in Japan for a long time children were born with burnt skin. War also causes the movement of a large number of people. This can also cause soil erosion and contamination of water and land. The wildlife of an area can also become extinct as animals get horrified and many are killed too. The export and import of a country is also affected badly. Also, a country's reputation is ruined. There are also many psychological effects of war on soldiers like shell shock or 'Combat Stress Reaction'. I would conclude by saying that avoid war because I think 'war is a bad taste business'!

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