

Chess boxing, a game of both brain and brawn, is a sport that combines playing chess along with boxing. *All top quotes contributed by* Anupriya Nayak, AIS Saket, XI E



**Different Emblems Of Peace That Narrates Its Significance** 

# Campaign for nuclear disarmament

Why is it considered a peace symbol: Originally designed by Gerald Holtom for the British nuclear disarmament movement in 1958, this is one of the most widely known peace symbols in the world. Holtom explained that it has incorporated the semaphore letters of N(uclear) and D(isarmament). Since then, it has continued to be used as one of the most common peace symbols at refugee camps and climate change protests across the world.

**Fact file:** Even though the symbol was designed for the anti-nuclear movement, it was never copyrighted, so nobody ever asked for permission before using it.

## Olive branch

Why is it considered a peace symbol: Invented in 5<sup>th</sup> century BC by the ancient Greeks, olive, as a symbol of peace, is mythologically believed to have been conceived when, during the great Biblical flood, doves were sent in search of the land of Noah and returned with an olive leaf, indicating the end of God's war on mankind. In another such Greek interpretation, the slow growth of olive and its absence during the wartime gave it the status of a peace-time tree only grown by those wanting peace for a long time.

**Fact file:** The gold coins of 1644 circulated under Charles I's regime and the English coins of the 18<sup>th</sup> century depicted olive branch as one of their inscriptions.



# White dove

Why is it considered a peace symbol: The biblical episode of Noah's ark and the great flood where the doves appear as harbingers of peace is one mythological take behind the inception of white dove as a symbol of peace. However, it only rose to prominence as one when Spanish artist Pablo Picasso made use of it in his works, only for it to be selected for the World Peace Congress in 1949. **Fact file:** The dove performance, officially known as the Festival of Peace, till date takes place at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

### Paper cranes

Why is it considered a peace symbol: Even though origami is an art of high regard in Japan, it was only when Sadako Sasaki, a two-year-old, was exposed to the radiation of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima in 1945 and died ten years later, that the art produced something truly significant. Since the girl spent her last days creating 1000 paper cranes, having believed a folklore that claimed to grant a wish to one indulged in doing the same, paper cranes started gaining recognition as a peace sign.

**Fact file:** This act of Sadako paved the way for International Children's Peace Movement, wherein children from all over the world sent in paper cranes to adorn her statues placed in Hiroshima's and Seattle's peace parks.





## White poppy



Why is it considered a peace symbol: Inspired by the red poppies given by the Royal British Legion to commemorate the martyrs of WWI, the Women's Co-operative Guild (1933) started distributing white poppies when the fear of WWII lingered over Europe. As such, white poppy came to be used as the true symbol of peace to honour the victims of war, as opposed to the red ones that were wrongly accused of glorifying militarism and bloodshed.

**Fact file:** According to the Peace Pledge Union, white poppies represent remembrance for victims of war, commitment to peace, and the challenge to de-glamorise the concept of conflict.

The broken rife

Why is it considered a peace symbol: The broken rifle finds its first mention as a peace symbol in the January 1909 issue of De Wapens Nader (Down with Weapons), the monthly newspaper of the International Antimilitarist Union in the Netherlands. It was then used on a banner by the German League of War Victims in 1919. With many such subsequent usages, the banner gained respect as a peace sign world over.

**Fact file:** A German man namely Ernst Friedrich mysteriously found a broken rifle over the door of the Anti-Kriegs Museum one day, an incident which led the museum to distribute badges of broken rifles to everyone visiting.

#### Text: Anika Khosla, AIS Vasundhara 6, XI B