





Some thoughts about Gallipoli from Turkish students at Çanakkale College

- Gallipoli is a peninsula which is in the Northwestern of Turkey. It has beautiful scenery. It is a historical place. Even though it is full of history, it is also a touristic place. You can eat fresh fish in the restaurants near the beach. You can go the sea of course. But we are honoured by the people who defended us there. (Behnan, 15)
- The Gallipoli wars are very important for Turkish people because it was the step to win the independence war and the beginning of having a national identity and having hopes for their future as a nation. They had a national leader, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. (Ali, 16)
- Gallipoli is important because we fought for our country here. Today, we go to Gallipoli
 to understand what the soldiers went through in the war for their country and how they
 love Turkey. I think every Turkish person has to go there and see what it means to be
 Turkish. We mustn't forget: while they were fighting, they only wanted us to live happily.
 Because of this, we can't forget Atatürk and the soldiers. (Melike, 14)
- Gallipoli is one of the biggest examples of independence in history. Thousands
 of casualties died for their country. We saw lots of miracles in Gallipoli in the Çanakkale
 War. With the leadership of Atatürk, Turkish people did the impossible. We showed
 ÇANAKKALE IS IMPASSABLE to the entire world. (Baran, 14)
- The war in Gallipoli was the biggest defensive war in history and it was an epic victory for us. That is the reason for it being important for us. Sadly a lot of people died, but that makes this victory more important. It shows how we battle: for our land and our nation. (Ecem, 17)
- Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was known for his role in the Gallipoli Wars. So Gallipoli and Çanakkale are so important for Turkish people. (Akya, 13)
- I think Gallipoli is a place full of natural beauty and epic history. Gallipoli is a really green peninsula and also there are so many beaches to have fun. Like I said Gallipoli has an epic history about war, national unity and brave soldiers. There were so many brave people who died in the war for their country. Sometimes when I need courage I think about them. (Güneş, 15)
- Gallipoli is a really important place for Turkish people because of the great victory that our soldiers won. But it is a bad thing that many soldiers died in this war. (Nedim, 13)