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On this trip to Okinawa I learned a lot when we visited the Himeyuri Peace Museum. When one of the survivors of the war told her story I learned many things about both the Japanese and American sides. I also learned that some things in life were meant to happen and didn't happen because of pure luck. Her story made me realize that there is such a thing as fate. Although many people may not believe in fate, after hearing this survivor's story it would change their minds. Her story also made me realize that everyone has a purpose in life.

In her story, she talked about how she had to deliver a letter from one cave to another while they were under attack. She explained how she survived an attack on the first cave she was in because she had to deliver the letter to the second cave. Since she had to deliver the letter, her life was saved from the bomb attack. It could have been luck but I believe she survived because it was her fate.

Since she survived I believe she had a purpose in life other than to help the people in need during the war. I believe that her purpose in life was to inform other people about her experience during the war. Her story and experience had a big impact on me because I didn't realize how extreme the conditions during the war were especially since she wasn't a soldier.

Her experience has also made me realize that life goes on no matter what. Even though there were many things that happened during the war, she moved on because there wasn't any time to stop. This showed me that there life doesn't stop for anyone, it keeps moving on.