

## Journal #11



Armin T. Wegner

Do you think it is important to stand up for what you believe in when everyone else in a group feels differently? Why or why not?  
REQUIRES PARAGRAPH

## Letter

**Armin Wegner, a German medic stationed in Turkey in 1915, smuggled his camera into an Armenian refugee camp.**

In the last few days, I have taken numerous photographs... on penalty of death. I do not doubt for a moment that I am committing a treasonable act. And yet I am inspired by the knowledge that I have helped these poor people in some small way.

Hunger, death, disease, despair shout at me from all sides. Wretched me, for I carried neither bandages nor medications... I was seized by terror and hurried out of the camp, my heart pounding. I was overcome by dizziness, as if the earth were collapsing on both sides of me into an abyss...

1. What did Armin Wegner do on penalty of death? (REQUIRES SENTENCE)
- 2.. Why did he do it? (REQUIRES SENTENCE)
3. What is ironic about Armin's nationality and where he is located? (REQUIRES SENTENCE)

## Vocabulary

**Digger:** (1) Australian soldier. (2) (Less commonly) Friend, chum. Originally from the miners of the Australian gold fields.

**Dinkum Oil:** (Australian) Truth.

**Furphy:** A rumor (*Australian*). The Furphy Engineering Company of Australia made water carts for the army. Soldiers would often gather around these carts and exchange gossip.

**Johnny:** A Turk. From *Johnny Turk*.

**Kiwi:** A New Zealand Soldier