

Unit Anchor Text: WWII & the Solomon Islands

1) The central theme of the article is that the people of the Solomon Islands are being killed by WWII bombs that were left there by the U.S. and Allies. Not only that, but there has not been much effort by the Solomon government nor the U.S. to fix the issue. This theme is developed through the interview of a family who struggles after losing two family members to a hidden WWII bomb. Two family members had died, and two others were left with scars. The family has been given no support since then. By using this example, the speaker shares their idea that the people of the Solomon Islands have been negatively impacted.

2) Ethos: Uses quote from Safe Ground Program Coordinator to describe what happens to most victims of the UXOs.

Logos: A picture shown illustrates how far the family was from the capital on the day of the incident (Oct. 25th, 2002).

Pathos: "When asked how life has been without her husband, Loretta sobs uncontrollably."

When using the rhetorical devices, the speaker displays the negative impact the UXOs have on the people. In ethos, a quote is used from an outside source with knowledge on anti-landmine programs to describe Solomon lifestyle. Using logos, the speaker visually shows how far the Maneles were from the capital, where they could seek help. Finally, by using pathos, the reader could understand how heartbroken a victim of the UXO feels after losing a family member to the same incident.

3) The most effective supporting detail for me was, "The Solomon Islands government has said it does not accept responsibility for the bombs but Japan, the US and its WWII Allies do not have any victim assistance programs in the country." This detail shows that no government responsible for the UXOs wants to be held accountable for their actions. At the same time, the Solomon Islands government is merely making a statement to clear their name, but they won't call any other government out on their mistakes. Instead of standing up for their people, the government simply stood up for themselves.