



Testament of Youth is a British drama film released in 2014 and based on the First World War memoirs written by Vera Brittain.

“They’ll want to forget you. They’ll want me to forget. But I can’t. I won’t. This is my promise to you now. All of you.” Vera Brittain

This film retraces the story of Vera Brittain during the first world war. Her life before the war started and her experiences during the war are fabulously interpreted by Alicia Vikander. The actors Kit Harington, Taron Egerton and Colin Morgan also make her story even more touching. Vera wants to become a writer even if it goes against her father's expectations. She passes the entrance examination for Oxford to join her brother Edward and his friends Roland and Victor. Before going there, with Roland, who shares his interest for her poetry and writing, they begin a romance. But war is declared and it changes all their plans. Roland, Victor and her brother decide to join the British army and are sent to the western front. To get closer to them Vera decides to volunteer as nurse in the hospital...

This film is really emotional. It shows how war can affect people, not only physically but also mentally. War destroys families, innocence and future. As Vera Brittain said : **“Our generation would never be new again. Our youth has been stolen from us.”**

The fact that she really lived those moments makes you watch the film in a different way and that is one of the reasons why I liked this film and why I recommend it.

