

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of Veteran's Day, its history, and the significance of honoring veterans. The student will also engage in creative activities that foster appreciation for those who have served in the military.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook or paper
- Pens or pencils
- Markers or colored pencils
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (optional)
- Time to reflect on personal connections to veterans or military service

Before the lesson, the student should think about any family members or friends who are veterans and be prepared to share their stories if applicable.

Activities

- **Research and Write a Biography:**

The student will choose a veteran to research, which could be a family member or a famous figure. They will write a short biography highlighting the veteran's service, achievements, and personal story.

- **Create a Thank You Card:**

The student will design and create a thank you card for veterans. They can use markers and colored pencils to make it colorful and heartfelt, expressing gratitude for their service.

- **Veteran's Day Reflection Journal:**

The student will start a reflection journal where they can write about what Veteran's Day means to them, their thoughts on military service, and any personal connections they have to veterans.

- **Watch a Short Documentary or Video:**

If possible, the student can find a short documentary or video about Veteran's Day or stories from veterans. They will take notes and share what they learned afterward.

Talking Points

- "Veteran's Day is a time to honor all the men and women who have served in the military. It's important to recognize their sacrifices."
- "Did you know that Veteran's Day was originally called Armistice Day? It was established to commemorate the end of World War I."
- "Many veterans have incredible stories of bravery and resilience. Learning about their experiences helps us appreciate their service."

- "Creating a thank you card is a simple but meaningful way to show gratitude. It can really brighten a veteran's day!"
- "Reflecting on what Veteran's Day means to you can help you connect with the history and significance of the day."
- "Veterans come from all walks of life and have diverse experiences. It's important to listen to their stories and learn from them."
- "By engaging in activities like research and reflection, you're not just learning about history; you're also building empathy and understanding."