

A Veterans Day Thank You Note – Lesson Plan



Warm Up Activity

For homework the day before have students find out if they have any family members who are veterans and if not have them find someone in their community that is a veteran (could be teachers, neighbors, etc.)

Main Activity

Using the [interactive timeline](#) or another resource to learn about the war your veteran has fought in.

If you (and they) have time for an interview about their experience sit down and ask them the following questions:

- Can you tell me about your experience as a veteran?
- What were some of the military challenges you faced?
- What were some of the personal challenges you faced?

Using what you know about the war your veteran fought in and their experience during the war, write them a thank you note that honors their sacrifice and narrates their experience as you understand it. Finally, deliver the thank you note to them.

Writing Standards

Informative

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.11-12.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Narrative

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