

# Veterans Day

## Elementary Resources



At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the guns fell silent and the Great War came to an end... Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime.



### The History of Veterans Day

[From Military.com](http://Military.com)

"Did you know that most Americans confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day? Both holidays celebrate our veterans service, but with one significant difference."



### Veterans Day

[From the U.S. Army Center of Military History](http://U.S.ArmyCenterofMilitaryHistory)

"Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of our nation's veterans and is held on November 11th, the anniversary of the armistice which ended WW I."



### On Veterans Day

[From Defense Link.mil](http://DefenseLink.mil)

This is an article by Jim Garamone of the American Forces Press Service. He references the poem "In Flanders Field," written by Canadian doctor John M. McCrae in 1915.



### Ways to Celebrate Veterans Day With Your Children

[From Military.com](http://www.military.com)

"Veterans Day is a great time to educate children about the history of this holiday and the sacrifice and dedication of our U.S. veterans."



### The Veterans History Project

[From the Library of Congress](http://www.libraryofcongress.gov)

"The Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war."



### Experiencing War - A to Z List

[From the Library of Congress](http://www.libraryofcongress.gov)

Individual stories from the Veterans History Project. All stories are listed alphabetically from A to Z. Audio, photos, and documents of those who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the War on Terror.



### Experiencing War - Story Themes

[From the Library of Congress](http://www.libraryofcongress.gov)

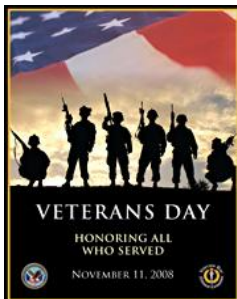
Stories from the Veterans History Project incorporated into themes.



### Take A Veteran to School Day

[From History.com](http://www.history.com)

This link from the History Channel contains "some teacher resources for teachers interested in Take a Veteran to School Day. None of these are written in stone—we're counting on you to take what will work for you and adapt it as you see fit. We know that there is a tremendous difference between the little ones in kindergarten and high schoolers. However, all ages and ability levels can benefit from this program. Show our veterans how much we value their service through a learning-rich Take a Veteran to School Day experience." The image above is a "portrait taken in 1864 of American Revolutionary War veteran Manual Downing - born in 1761."



### Veterans Day

[From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](http://www.va.gov)

This site contains additional information on the history of Veterans Day, the Veterans Day National Committee, the national ceremony, a gallery of Veterans Day posters from 1978 to the present and a colorful and informative Veterans Day Teacher's Resource Guide.



### **Why Do We Serve?**

[From Military.com](#)

"Violet Hill Gordon, a World War II veteran, was one of thousands of African-Americans who joined the U.S. military despite intense racism because she wanted to make a difference. In this Veterans Day interview Gordon discusses her experiences in the service and how it changed her."



### **VA Kids Grades K - 5**

[From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

This site gives suggestions to students on what they can do on Veterans day.



### **VA Kids 6th - 12th Grades**

[From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

Information about the Flag, its origin, and the history of America's customs and national symbols can be found here.



### **VA Kids Teachers' Page**

[From the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

This site is designed to provide resources and reference links for teaching students about what it means to be a veteran and how we can honor veterans. It also contains information about how the Department of Veterans Affairs, the second largest cabinet department, provides for veterans. Historical reference materials and current event articles related to veterans can be found here.



### **Americans at War®**

[From the U.S. Naval Institute](#)

"Through the eyes of those who were there, Americans at War® looks back at the moments when ordinary people were called to extraordinary heroism."



### **Role of Women & Ethnic/Racial Groups in the Army**

[From the U.S. Army Center of Military History](#)

Women, African-Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Hispanic-Americans, the Irish, Native Americans, and Minorities in the U.S. Army are all featured at this site.



### **The Tomb of the Unknowns**

[From Military.com](http://Military.com)

"In the following letter, Miriam ('Mimi') Felt describes the gravity of the first ceremony for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in November 1921. At that time, Mimi was 23-years-old and worked in the water sanitation division of the U.S. Health Service in Washington, DC."



### **African Americans in the U.S. Army**

[From the U.S. Army Center of Military History](http://U.S.ArmyCenterofMilitaryHistory)

Learn about the Buffalo Soldiers and more here!



### **Veterans Day Projects, Etc.**

[From Enchanted Learning.com](http://EnchantedLearning.com)

This site contains Veterans Day crafts, projects, worksheets, books, and printouts for elementary students.