

Dear YOUNG AMERICAN

What Are the Six Core Values?

Students will:

- define and interpret the six core values embodied in the Medal of Honor

Introductory Activity:

Ask students about their reflections from the previous lesson. What do they think the Recipients are like? What values would be important to them?

Next, share with students the six core values they will focus on for this lesson series: courage, integrity, patriotism, citizenship, commitment, and sacrifice. Instruct students to provide thoughts about what they feel these words have in common, and ask students why these words would be chosen as those which embody the Medal of Honor. Discuss responses as a class.

Small Group Activity:

Divide students into groups of two to four. Assign each group one of the six core values. Instruct students to complete three tasks that explore their assigned value more in depth.

TASK 1: As a group, define the core value in your own words.

TASK 2: Identify a minimum of 3 synonyms for your group's core value.

TASK 3: Identify a minimum of 3 antonyms for your group's core value.

Whole Group Activity:

Have each group share their core value definition, synonyms, and antonyms with the class. Ask class members to compare and contrast the words. Discuss how the values are related to one another.

For Next Time: Ask students to demonstrate what they learned from the lesson

Tell students that they will be introduced to Medal of Honor Recipients over the next several lessons. For next time, ask students to identify how each of the core values they learned about today can be an essential life skill not only on the battlefield, but also in everyday civilian life. Remind students that Medal of Honor Recipients are just normal people, hailing from all walks of life.