



CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM WITHIN EXISTING SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Groundwork

To get the most out of the lessons of the Character Development Program, students should be introduced to the Medal of Honor and the six core values before subject-specific lessons are taught. A background lesson on the Citizen Honors award is also helpful before teaching lessons about Citizen Honors Awardees. All lessons in Section A (Introductory Lessons) can help provide this background information, but we recommend at minimum starting with the following lessons.

Core Values: A1, A2

The Medal of Honor: A3

Citizen Honors: A4

For Social Studies:

In your Social Studies classroom, use full lessons to complement a time in history. Additionally, our library of living history videos can be incorporated into existing lesson plans to give a personal perspective or a moment in history. These videos are all available on our website and on YouTube for Google classroom integration.

Suggested Lesson by Time Period:

Civil War: Lessons C17, D5, and D9.

World War I: Lessons B14 and D5.

World War II: Lessons B5, B6, B15, B16, B17, B18, C1, C4, C8, C13, and D5.

Korean War: Lessons C5, C6, D1, and D5.

Vietnam War: Lessons A8, B1, B2, B3, B4, B7, B8, B13, C2, C5, C7, C11, C12, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D10, D11, D14, and D16.

War On Terrorism (Afghanistan): Lessons A9, B4, C5, C14, C15, C16, D2, D4, D5, D15, and D17.

See state standards alignments and Medal of Honor Living History Guide for additional guidance.

For English/Language Arts:

Lessons through the curriculum focus on personal narratives and include writing prompts, making them ideal inserts for your English or Language Arts classroom. See below some suggested lessons by skill and topic.

Journalism: B1

Reading/Writing: B2, B6, B9, B10, C1, C4, C6, C9, C12, C13, C15, D4, D8, D9, D10, D17

Poetry: B3, B11, C5, D5, D6

Understanding Irony: B5

Document Analysis and Close Reading: B8, D11

For STEAM:

Find STEAM connections in the following lessons.

Science: B10, D10

Math: A5, B13

Art: A7, A10, A11

For Character Education:

All lessons focus on one or more of the six core values. If your state has specific character education standards, check out our state standards alignments to find how specific lessons connect to your standards.