

Title: The Medal of Honor

Introduction: In this lesson, students will identify the accomplishments of four notable individuals from Texas, Alfredo Gonzalez, Jose Lopez, David Barkeley and Benito Martinez that have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

During this lesson, students can conduct research at the Veterans War Memorial of Texas in McAllen, in addition to using textbooks, the internet and other available classroom resources to produce an informative and creative booklet.

Grade Level and Subject: Fourth Grade Social Studies, English and Language Arts, and Technology Applications

TEKS:

Social Studies, Grade 4. (5)(b),(6)(a),(22)(c),(23)(b)(d)

Technology Applications, Grades 3-5. (4)(a)(b),(5)(a)

English Language and Reading, Grade 4. (13)(e)(g),(15)(c)

Resources:

Construction Paper, various colors

Pens, Pencils, Markers

Glue

Internet Access

Texas Map

European Continent Map

Asian Continent Map

Computers with powerpoint (or other multimedia) and printers if available

Optional: Conduct a field trip to the Veterans War Memorial of Texas in McAllen

Procedures:

Cover Page: You can use multimedia, print pictures from the internet, or draw pictures by hand to develop a creative cover page for your booklet with illustrations and a title.

Booklet Section 1: Write one to two paragraphs on the Medal of Honor using information found within the Veterans War Memorial, your textbook, school library and online resources. Use at least two sources and include the following information:

- When and how the Medal of Honor was established
- When the Medal of Honor was first issued
- What is the Medal of Honor awarded for
- How many Medals of Honor have been awarded

Booklet Section 2: Using the [attached worksheet](#), identify the accomplishments of four notable individuals from Texas, Alfredo Gonzalez, Jose Lopez, David Barkeley and Benito Martinez.

- Place of Birth
- Which war they served in
- The years that each war lasted
- Country they were in when they received the award

Booklet Section 3: Insert one map each for Texas, Europe and Asia that identify the birth places of Alfredo Gonzalez, Jose Lopez, David Barkeley and Benito Martinez as well as the countries they were serving in when they received their Medals of Honor.

- On the Texas map, highlight the four cities where the individuals above were born.
- Color in the countries on the Europe and Asia maps where the four individuals above served when awarded their Medals of Honor.

Booklet Section 4: Create a short oral presentation discussing sections 1, 2 and 3 in your booklet. Use multimedia or illustrations to enhance your presentation if possible. Include the outline of your presentation and a copy of your multimedia presentation, if used, in this section.

Booklet Section 5: List the resources used to gather the information in your booklet.

Online Resources:

The Veterans War Memorial of Texas Medal of Honor Page

<http://www.mcallen.net/veterans/moh/default.aspx>

The Handbook of Texas Online

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/index.html>

Congressional Medal of Honor Society

<http://www.cmohs.org/index.html>

Official Site for the Medal of Honor

<http://www.medalofhonor.com/>

World Maps

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/world.html>

Maps of Europe

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/europe.html>

Maps of Asia

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/asia.html>

Maps of Texas

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/texas.html>

World War I Maps

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/firstworldwar/maps/maps.htm>

<http://www.dean.usma.edu/history/web03/atlas/WorldWarOne/WWOneJPG/WWOne02.jpg>

World War II Map

<http://www.dean.usma.edu/history/web03/atlas/ww2%20europe/ww2%20europe%20%20maps/ww2-europe-overview.gif>

Korean War Map

<http://www.dean.usma.edu/history/web03/atlas/korean%20war/KoreaGIF/01KWPrincipalCampaigns.gif>

Vietnam War Map

<http://www.dean.usma.edu/history/web03/atlas/vietnam/vietnam%20maps/vietnam%20war%20map%2023.jpg>

Worksheet 1: Medal of Honor recipient information

Instructions: Using at least two sources of information to include the Veterans War Memorial, textbook, school library and online resources, gather information on the following four notable individuals from Texas, Alfredo Gonzalez, Jose Lopez, David Barkeley and Benito Martinez. Include this worksheet in your booklet.

David Barkeley (Barkley)

1. Place of Birth_____
2. Which war they served_____
3. The years that each war lasted_____
4. Country they were in when they received the award_____

Alfredo Gonzalez

1. Place of Birth_____
2. Which war they served_____
3. The years that each war lasted_____
4. Country they were in when they received the award_____

Jose Lopez

1. Place of Birth_____
2. Which war they served_____
3. The years that each war lasted_____
4. Country they were in when they received the award_____

Benito Martinez

1. Place of Birth_____
2. Which war they served_____
3. The years that each war lasted_____
4. Country they were in when they received the award_____