

Character Education Resource Center News You Can Use

November 2018

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."

Henry David Thoreau

Celebrate Thanks

Celebrate Thanksgiving Week in Your Classroom

Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday in the United States, allows Americans to show thanks and celebrate with family and friends. Read more about the history of [Thanksgiving Day](#).

[Thanksgiving Activities and Worksheets](#)

Thanksgiving always falls on the fourth Thursday of November. Explore the rich historical and cultural aspects of this American holiday.

[Thanksgiving Activities and Lesson Plans](#)

These Thanksgiving pages will provide you with great activities and resources for this day of being thankful. Ideas within this section include: thematic units, easy craft ideas, bulletin boards, coloring sheets, and internet resources.

[Thanksgiving Ideas, Grades 9-12](#)

In this three lesson unit, students examine the voyage of the Mayflower, the Mayflower Compact, and Thanksgiving.

Special Days/Holidays

Create student activities in your school and classroom for this month's special days and holidays.

- National Young Reader's Day
- National Parents as Teachers Day
- National STEM/STEAM Day
- Veteran's Day
- International Day of Tolerance
- Thanksgiving Day
- Native American Day

Veteran's Day, November 11

Resources You Can (and should) Use

Veteran's Day is an official United States holiday that honors military veterans. It is held on the anniversary of the end of World War I. There are currently over 20 million U.S. veterans.

Read about the history of [Veteran's Day](#).

Activities for [Veteran's Day](#).

A [cross-curricular unit](#) on Veteran's Day to help students understand the contributions veterans have made to our country.

National Education Association has Veteran's Day activities for all grade levels.

[K-5](#)

[6-8](#)

[9-12](#)

Two Projects Worth Your Attention

[The Gratitude Project](#)

[My Hero Project](#)

Why is Memorial Day Different from Veteran's Day?

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in a battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, **Veteran's Day** is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL those who served honorable in the military, in wartime and in peacetime. In fact, Veteran's Day is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served, not only those who died, have sacrificed and done their duty.

Valerie Strauss, The Washington Post

Did You Know?

Psychologists Drs. Duke and Fivush developed a measure called the "Do You Know?" scale that asked children to answer 20 questions such as:

Do you know where your grandparents grew up?

Do you know where your parents met?

Their research showed that the more children knew about their family's history, the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem and the more successfully they believed their families functioned.

This scale turned out to be the best single predictor of children's emotional health and happiness. Children who have the most self confidence know they belong to something bigger than themselves. (info@thoughtrocket.com)



We are a resource center which means that we are here to meet your needs and interests in the character education of children and youth. Please reach out to us if we can assist you in any way.

Our Motto: If we don't have it, we can get it or create it.

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ESSAY CONTEST 2018

Who is Your Hero? Why?

The objective of this essay contest is to encourage students to develop and improve their thinking and writing skills as they address core values of the US Marine Corps and our society: "Honor, Courage, Commitment." Marines model these three virtues and other character strengths such as hard work, perseverance, honesty, fairness, accountability, and gratitude.

Rules:

- Grades 6-8 essays must be 600 words or less.
- Grades 9-12 essays must be 1,000 words or less.
- Essay scoring will be based on theme, creativity and clarity.
- For further details and submission guidelines, visit:
<https://flyingleathernecks.org/education/>

Student Awards:

FIRST PLACE:	\$300
SECOND PLACE:	\$200
THIRD PLACE:	\$100

All three winners also receive an engraved plaque.

Teacher Awards:

The teacher of each winning student will receive a \$200 check.

All entries must be submitted by Wednesday, November 14, 2018

This contest is a collaboration between the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum and the University of San Diego Character Education Resource Center.



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"In our world of big names, curiously, our true heroes tend to be anonymous. In this life of illusion and quasi-illusion, the person of solid virtues who can be admired for something more substantial than his well-knownness often proves to be the unsung hero: the teacher, the nurse, the mother, the honest cop, the hard worker at lonely, underpaid, unglamorous, unpublicized jobs."
– Daniel Boorstin



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