

Teacher:
Date:
Grade:

Subject / Course: ELA
Unit Title: Patriotism
Duration: 25–30 Minutes

CCRS:

- RF.4.4** Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- L.4.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing (printing, cursive, or keyboarding) or speaking.
- L.4.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, when writing.
- L.4.4a** Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Summary of Unit:

Patriotism. Teach about the courage of our veterans and Mississippi's role in fighting for our freedoms.

Lesson Objectives:

- Discuss Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy
- Discuss interesting facts about the military and Mississippi (D’Lo, Ingalls Shipbuilding and USS Cole)
- Answer comprehension questions

Lesson Structure:

- The teacher will show the “Freedom Unsinkable” *Mississippi, Believe It!*TM poster and the “Soldier” *Mississippi, Believe It!*TM poster to the students.
- The teacher will read the paragraph or have students read about Lawrence “Rabbit” Kelly and, as a class, they will discuss his life and contributions to the United States through his service in the military.
- The teacher will then read or have the students read “Interesting facts” and discuss Ingalls Shipbuilding, D’Lo and the USS Cole and their contribution to Mississippi and to the military.
- The students will complete a handout, which will include questions based on comprehension about Lawrence “Rabbit” Kelly, shipbuilding in Mississippi and the town of D’Lo.

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Guiding Questions:

1. What is patriotism?
2. Who is Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy?
3. What is a veteran?
4. What is honor?
5. What are some interesting facts about the military and Mississippi?
6. Who makes some of the ships, submarines and air craft carriers used by military?
7. What does a good reader do as they read informational text?

Activity:

Students will complete the handout after classroom discussion about the topic. This can be used as practice or an assessment, based on student needs.

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Key Vocabulary:

- Patriotism
- Honor
- Contributions
- Service
- Veteran
- Freedom

Resources & Materials

- Whiteboard
- Charts/Maps
- Computer
- Smartboard
- Video/Audio
- Textbook Pages
- Workbook Pages
- Handout
- Manipulatives
- Other:

Assessments:

- Pre-Test
 - Post-Test
 - Observation
 - Oral
 - Writing Assessment
 - Journal
 - Homework
 - Demonstration
 - Other:
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Learning styles addressed:

- Visual
- Auditory
- Kinesthetic
- Tactile

Guided Practice:

Notes:

Interventions:

- Small Group
- Modified Assignments
- Accommodations
- One-on-One
- Tutoring (Peer and Teacher)
- Manipulatives
- Other:

Independent Practice:



Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy

Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy was from the small town of Smithville, Mississippi, in Monroe County. He grew up with so little, as his family struggled in poverty. In October of 1940, Kennedy walked from his hometown to the city of Tupelo where he caught a train to begin his journey of becoming a soldier in the United States Army. Kennedy served in World War II and the Vietnam War, and ended his 35 years of dedication in the United States Army as a Command Sergeant Major. Kennedy is also the most decorated soldier in the United States Army with 4 Legions of Merit and 30 Air Medals. Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy served his state and his country with honor, dedication and valor.

Interesting Facts:

- The town of D’Lo, Mississippi, sent proportionally more men to serve in World War II than any other town in the country, which was literally every eligible man in town.
- Ingalls Shipbuilding has been building ships for our military for over 72 years, which contributed to the many efforts that fought for the freedoms that we have today. Ingalls Shipbuilding is located in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Ingalls Shipbuilding is the largest manufacturing employer in Mississippi and a major contributor to the economic growth of the state.
- The USS Cole, a Navy ship, was built by Ingalls Shipbuilding and, on October 12, 2000, it was bombed in a terrorist attack. The men and women on board the USS Cole that day characterize freedom. Some of the heroes on board the USS Cole did not survive that day and paid the ultimate price for our freedom.



Heroes and Freedom

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is Command Sergeant Major Lawrence “Rabbit” Kennedy known for?

2. What Mississippi town sent proportionally more men to serve in World War II than any other town in the country?

3. Why is the company, Ingalls Shipbuilding, significant to Mississippi?

4. What is the USS Cole and why is it significant?

5. In 3–5 sentences, explain what the word “freedom” means to you.
