

Dogs for Defense: Hero Hounds



INTRODUCTION

At a time when every American was asked to make sacrifices for the American war effort, WWII marked the establishment of Dogs for Defense, a program to which families donated their pet dog to serve in the U.S. military. These four-legged recruits came in every size and shape from the backyards of small towns and big cities, and were transformed through training from loving pets into working troops. Through a variety of artifacts and simulations, students will follow the journey of their pet dog as he leaves the family sofa, enters the battlefield, and returns home a hero.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Grades K - 2

OBJECTIVES

- Students will gain an understanding of the overall objective of Dogs For Defense as an example of Americans' home front contributions to the WWII war effort.
- Students will be introduced to the way dogs were chosen, trained and used in WWII.
- Students will gain knowledge of the characteristics and value of primary sources.
- Students will analyze primary sources to gain historical information.

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Activity Sheet, Directions, and Stickers

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Core Standards

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

For English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects

Grade Level		K	1ST	2ND
Standard	RI - Reading Informative Text	1-8	1-8	1-8, 10
	W - Writing	2	2	2
	SL - Speaking and Listening	1-3	1-3	1-3

KANSAS CONTENT STANDARDS:

Additionally, this lesson supports Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards 2.1 and 3.1 through its discussion of America's spirit of volunteerism, patriotism, and civic responsibility.

*To view another state's content standards, visit that state's Department of Education website.