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Florida Heroes: Stories of Veterans who were born, served, or died in Florida

Name: _____

What is a Veteran?

Directions: Use the following website to answer the questions about veterans.

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/veteran/>

1. Define "Veteran".

2. What are the five branches of the U.S. armed forces?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

3. When is Veterans Day? _____

4. The Department of _____ helps veterans and their families after they return home.

5. A "large scale armed conflict" is also known as a _____.

What is a National Cemetery?

Directions: Use the following slides to answer the questions about veterans.

<https://vlp.cah.ucf.edu/instructionalmaterials/UCF-VLP-MiniToursClassroomIntro.pdf>

1. What is a national cemetery?

2. How many national cemeteries are there in the United States? _____

3. Can a spouse (husband or wife) of a veteran be buried in a national cemetery? _____

4. When is the earliest known burial in St. Augustine National Cemetery? _____

5. The _____ are believed to be the oldest memorial in any national cemetery.

Researching Veterans

Researching Veterans, especially those who lived decades (or even centuries) ago, can be like piecing together parts of a puzzle. There are MANY different resources that can be used to find the pieces, and even then, we will always only know a small part of that person's life.

Reading about, researching, and writing about Veterans is a way to keep their stories alive and to honor their legacies. One resource that does just this is the UCF Veterans Legacy Program. Today, we will explore their website and practice some research skills!

Directions:

1. Go to <https://vlp.cah.ucf.edu/>.
2. Click on "Biographies" at the top of the page.
3. Read the "Welcome" section and think about how it connects to building that "puzzle".
4. Scroll down and click "Data Cards" in the "Display Results As" filter.
5. Scroll down and click "Search".

This is a list of ALL of the biographies currently available on this site.

Return to the previous page and discuss with your neighbor ways that we could narrow our search.

Let's Be Detectives!

Directions: Use the filters on the UCF VLP "Biographies" page to answer the questions below.

1. Find a Veteran that served in the Spanish-American War.

- a. In which year was he born? _____

2. How many Veterans with biographies served in the Civil War and are buried in the St. Augustine National Cemetery?

3. Who is the Veteran from Italy that served in WWII and is buried in the Florida National Cemetery?

4. Jane Margaret Gadde is buried in Bay Pines National Cemetery. In which two conflicts did she serve?

_____ and _____

Alexander Ramsey Thompson

Seminole War Veteran

Use the VLP Biography website to search for Alexander's biography and answer the questions about his life.

About Alexander

1. Born (when and where):
2. Died:
3. Branch:
4. Rank(s):
5. Interred at:

Dive Deeper!

6. In which of the "Florida Wars" did Thompson fight?

7. During which battle did Thompson die?

Reflection

8. In what ways did Alexander "follow in his father's footsteps"?
Do you have any future plans or similarities like this to your parents or other family members?

Abram (William) Lancaster

Civil War Veteran

Use the VLP Biography website to search for Abram's biography and answer the questions about his life.

About Abram

1. Born (when and where):
2. Died:
3. Branch:
4. Rank(s):
5. Interred at:

Dive Deeper!

6. What city did Lancaster's regiment capture in March of 1863?

7. Abram is referred to by two other first names. Can you find them?
_____ and _____

Reflection

8. Lancaster was an African American fighting with the Union. Would you have continued to fight if you were still not treated fairly?

William H. Walden (Waldon)

Spanish-American War Veteran

Use the VLP Biography website to search for William's biography and answer the questions about his life.

About Jane

1. Born (when and where):
2. Died:
3. Branch:
4. Rank(s):
5. Interred at:

Dive Deeper!

6. Before the Spanish-American War, William served with the Tenth US Cavalry as part of the _____ Soldiers.
 7. Why was Walden's rank as blacksmith important during the war against Spain?
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Reflection

8. Theodore Roosevelt's white unit, the _____, received a lot of the credit that the Buffalo Soldiers deserved. How do you think Walden felt about this? Have you ever had credit for something you did given to someone else?

Carl Oscar Anderson

WWI Veteran

Use the VLP Biography website to search for Carl's biography and answer the questions about his life.

About Abram

1. Born (when and where):
2. Died:
3. Branch:
4. Rank(s):
5. Interred at:

Dive Deeper!

6. What does "Nous resterons là" mean and why is it significant to Anderson's Division?

7. Carl is one of how many Central Floridians that died in World War I? _____

Reflection

8. Anderson was born in Florida, but his parents were _____ immigrants. Do you know anyone who immigrated to the United States?

Jane Margaret Gadde

WWII

Use the VLP Biography website to search for Jane's biography and answer the questions about her life.

About William

1. Born (when and where):
2. Died:
3. Branch:
4. Rank(s):
5. Interred at:

Dive Deeper!

6. In which other war did Gadde serve? _____
 7. Jane held many leadership roles for which volunteer Veterans organization in Florida?
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Reflection

8. Gadde experienced a life of learning and serving others, beginning with her attendance at what professional school? Who is an inspirational woman in your life? Why do you look up to them?

Women, Immigrants, and African American Veterans

Use the VLP Biography website to search for Veterans that we have not yet read about. Find one woman, one immigrant, and one African American Veteran that has a connection to Florida in some way. Add some notes about their story below. Be ready to share what you find!

Woman Veteran:

Immigrant Veteran:

African American Veteran: