

Sacrifice Without Borders

Suggested Application: Language Arts, Creative Writing, Social Studies

OBJECTIVES

Students will:

- identify the elements of an effective newspaper article
- determine that the Citizen Honors awardees display many of the same values as Medal of Honor Recipients
- identify values of courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity or commitment as exemplified by Dr. Jordy Cox

Citizen Honors Focus: Dr. Jordy Cox

Introductory Activity:

Students will write a headline for a newspaper article that tells the story of something that happened to them during the week.

Small Group Activity:

Students will share their headline with a partner. Taking turns, each partner will share his/her headline. After sharing the headline, students will then write a brief summary of the events that took place to create a news story. The listening partner will take notes on the talking partner's story using question list #1 on the worksheet.

Small Group Activity:

Students will watch the video about Dr. Jordy Cox and individually fill out question list #2 on the worksheet. The teacher will explain that Dr. Cox was a recipient of the Citizen Honors because of sustained and superior action over a period of time.

In groups of four, students will compare notes to create a collaborative group chart. Each group will use the chart to construct a newspaper article based on the events. Review video as necessary.

Whole Group Activity:

Each group will share their newspaper article about Dr. Jordy Cox with the class.

Concluding Activity:

Students will think of an example from their own lives when a person acted with one or more of the Medal of Honor values. They will use the questions and strategies from this activity to construct a personal "service before self" newspaper article detailing the event.

Assessment:

"Service before self" newspaper articles

Resources:

Jordy Cox video, worksheet

Name _____ **Period** _____

Question List #1

Partner's headline: _____

Who was involved?

What happened?

When did the event take place?

Where did the event take place?

Why did the event occur?

How did the event affect the people in the story?

Question List #2

Dr. Jordy Cox news story headline: _____

Who was involved?

What happened?

When did the events take place?

Where did the events take place?

Why did the events occur?

How did the events affect the people in the story?

Which Medal of Honor value best fits this story and why?
