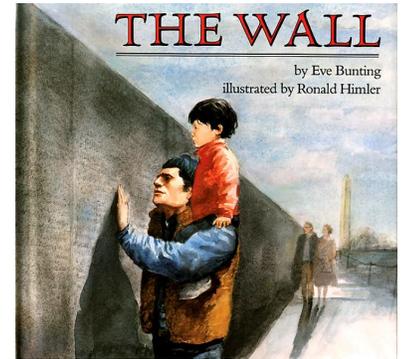

“The Wall”

By Eve Bunting



Overview

Why do we celebrate Veterans Day? What is a veteran? “The Wall” by Eve Bunting is a story about a little boy whose grandfather was killed in the Vietnam War. The young boy and his father visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

Instructions

Ask why we celebrate Veterans Day and what is a veteran. Write responses on chart paper or dry erase board. Ask students to raise their hand if they have a relative that has served in the military.

Read the book.

Vocabulary

Veterans Day: observed on November 11 to honor military veteran’s who served in the United States armed forces. The holiday started after World War I was over.

Veteran: any person who served honorably in active duty in the armed forces of the United States of America.

Comprehension Questions

- Why are the man and the boy at the wall?
- Why do you think it is so important for the man to find his father’s name on the wall?
- Why do you think the author included the man in the wheelchair in the story?
- Why are the older man and woman visiting the wall and

Materials

- “The Wall” book
- Dry erase board
- Dry erase marker
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Plain thin paper
- Tactile objects (coins, leaves, bark)
- Thank you card templates
- Letter writing templates

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- How can the wall be a place of sadness and a place of honor at the same time?
- Why does the father leave a picture of the boy?
- Why are the men and women in the military so important to our country?

Activity

It is important to thank our Veterans for everything they have done for us and our country.

Younger students: decorate and write in a card to give to the VA hospital in Little Rock (sign only first names for safety reasons).

Older students: write a letter to a Veteran. Include 2 reasons why veterans are important and thank them for their services, duty, sacrifice, protection, etc. (sign only first names for safety reasons).

Extension Activity: Tactile rubbing – using items such as coins, leaves, bark, etc., create a rubbing of the surface using a few sheets of paper and a crayon or charcoal stick. If at MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, take students outside to do rubbings on the monuments.

Thank you, Hero!

Handwriting practice area with ten sets of lines. Each set consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

