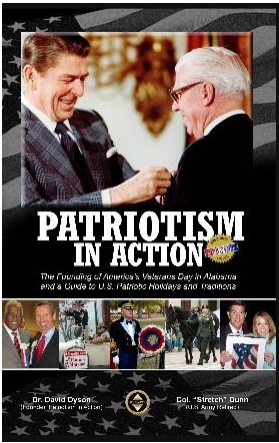


Advance Alabama Students & State – National Movements & Character Traits



Becoming, Knowing, Doing

Lesson: Learn the who, when, and where for how America's Veterans Day started. Learn how a former student from Alabama, who served in WW II, led the national movement for the USA to honor veterans of all wars. Learn this history through the lens of five character traits legislated to teach in Alabama schools since 1995 plus five more that fit our history.

Action: Listen to learn so you can tell what you learned to friends and family. Fill in the blanks to learn key information better. Then, most importantly, on page 2, draft a sentence or more telling how your best-self could fulfill the character traits.

Page 1: Listen, think, and fill in notes and answers to use and tell others.

Page 2: write how you will apply the lessons.

History and Character Traits Creating Veterans Day

- | <u>Trait</u> | <u>History & Meaning</u> |
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| 1. Patriotism | |
| 2. Courage | |
| 3. Perseverance | |
| 4. Loyalty | |
| 5. Citizenship | |
| 6. Freedom | |
| 7. Peace | |
| 8. Honor | |
| 9. Trust | |
| 10. Leadership | |

Americans fought in WW II to protect us and our freedoms against a b_____ who ambushed Americans trying to take something that belonged to us and another who was hurting people in Europe. Heroes protected others.

World War II ended, and most veterans came home in this year: _____. In 1946, Alabamian R_____ W_____ flew to Washington, DC to petition WW II hero Gen. Eisenhower to create National V_____ Day.

The purpose of Veterans Day: to honor v_____ o_a_w_____ and perpetuate world p_____.

America's Veterans Day started in 19____. The date November _____. The host city: _____.

The founder was honored by U.S. President Ronald Reagan at the White House in 1982 who called him "t____ d_____ f_____ ..." when the president honored him on national tv with The Presidential C_____ Medal.

Another state took credit for Veterans Day. Alabama lost its recognition for 10 years until we persevered to prove Alabamians led the movement. Official recognition was restored in 2012 through a S_____ Resolution: "recognizes Birmingham, Alabama as the home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day."

Veterans in WWII, before and since, maintained our Freedom of L_____. A famous group of African American pilots from Alabama who fought in Europe during WW II for freedoms even before benefitting as civilians back home in the USA: T_____ A_____. In the 1960s, the Civil Rights Movement provided Americans with more Freedom of R_____.

Because of Liberty and Rights, we have Freedom of S_____. We have Freedom to F_____.

How? A key way to succeed in school and life: write plans to identify purpose and priorities plus prepare for
C_____ - C_____ - C_____.

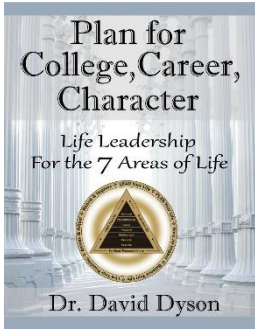
What could you do to improve your commitment, courage, and confidence in school and life?

What could teachers, parents, and mentors do to help you do your best?

The Constitution of My Life

(your name _____)

My Plan for Character Traits



The U.S. has a constitution to state key values and strategies to govern our country. The principles for why the country needs a constitution apply to individuals and families.

You can begin your own constitution to inspire and guide your life by writing sentences to state how your best-self could fulfill character traits and values.

The first five character traits are part of 25 legislated to teach in Alabama schools that fit the national movements for America's Veterans Day & Civil Rights led in Alabama. The second five are not yet on the list though they fit the unique contributions of Alabamians leading national movements.

Samples:

Patriotism: I do my best so I can succeed and serve my family, school, community and country.

Courage: When it's important, I act with courage to try even when I feel afraid I might fail or feel embarrassed.

Perseverance: Even if I make mistakes, I keep trying to do a good job long enough to have a chance to succeed.

Character Trait/Value Describe your best-self applying each character trait in school and life

1. Patriotism

2. Courage

3. Perseverance

4. Loyalty

5. Citizenship

Additional traits and values significant to Alabama's national movements for Veterans Day and Civil Rights

6. Freedom

7. Peace

8. Honor

9. Trust

10. Leadership

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About Life Leaders Institute: our goals include helping schools help students write plans for school and life that prepare them for *College-Career-Character*. We help schools teach about national movements led in Alabama. **Partners** helping us work with you include the Caring Foundation of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, Joe E Griffin Foundation, trustees and advisors, plus more will be announced. Past partners include Alabama Power Foundation, City of Birmingham, Daniel Foundation, Goodrich Foundation, Protective, Welch Hornsby, and individuals who care.