

Lesson Plan: U.S. Holidays

Author: National Museum of Military Vehicles



Grade: Kindergarten- 2nd

Wyoming Standards:

SS2.1.3- Identify people and events that honor United States Holidays

Duration:

1.5- 2 hour tour of the National Museum of Military Vehicles located in Dubois Wyoming

Introduction:

The National Museum of Military Vehicles will provide a tour of the museum that incorporates the Wyoming state social studies standard listed above. The purpose of this lesson is to bring to light the different people and events that the United States honors by dedicating a day to their honor. Students interested will be captured by the immersion of the tour.

Key Vocabulary:

Memorial Day-

Independence Day-

Veterans Day-

Flag Day-

Learning Objectives:

- Identify people who have helped shape United States history enough to have a day to remember them.
- Identify events that helped shape United States history so that they have a day to remember them.
- Understand the importance of certain United States Holidays.

Lesson Overview:

The lesson will begin with students a discussion about what holidays the United States has and how they are celebrated. Having students think about the national holidays in the United States will promote critical thinking but also promote discussion. We will then begin the tour through

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the galleries. As we progress through the galleries we will spend time talking about personal experiences in the wars. We will also discuss at the end why we have Memorial Day and Veterans Day and what the difference is between the two.

Wyoming State Standards Addressed in Lesson:

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- During the tour, students will be asked to look at different people/ events in United States history and how they are related to the respective holidays.
- Students will be able to explain what each of the covered holidays represents.