

## MILITARY



- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about the different branches of the military. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can about military. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "More About the Military" chart.
- Make a separate timeline for each of the military branches. Focus on the inception of each branch. Try to identify the purpose of each branch. Consider creating the timelines using shapes or colors that represent each branch. For example, the Navy timeline might be done on a series of ships. The ships might represent advances in the vessels over the course of time.
- Visit the recruiting offices of the different military branches. Plan to interview a recruiting officer at each office. Collect any brochures or other informational material that is available.
- Contact the Public Relations Office of your favorite branch of the military. Arrange an interview with a career military officer.
- Using a large map of the United States, identify all of the major military bases. Use the appropriate military insignia to designate which branch of the military is primarily stationed at each base. Include a brief explanation of the types of activities that take place on each base.
- Each branch of the military has a distinct creed. Learn about these "rules of conduct" or expectations. Find a way to share these with your peers.



- Create posters representing and explaining all the components of the uniforms of each branch of the military. Use similar ranks to create a more accurate comparison. Consider asking for photos of women/men in uniform at the recruiting offices to use for reference.
- Work with an adult to read excerpts of *The Greatest Generation* by Peter Jennings. This book describes some of the experiences of those involved in the WWII effort. This war has often been called the "big one" or the "great one." Learn more about how the different branches worked together and separately to accomplish a single goal.
- Create an alphabet book focusing on different aspects of all branches of the military. You might want to pick a theme, such as "equipment of the different branches of the military" or "changes in the military in the last 100 years" to help you organize both your research and your finished book.
- There are many excellent models of different military vehicles. Consider building a different vehicle or piece of large equipment for each branch of the military (for example a submarine for the Navy, an Air Force aircraft).

