



Summer Reading 2015
Upper School Humanities
U.S. History
Mr. Rexford

Tasks:

- 1. Read one book**
- 2. Interview a Veteran**
- 3. Write an Essay**

Task 1 - Reading a non-fiction book about Veterans

You are required to read a non-fiction book about Veterans. You may choose any non-fiction book you wish, but you may enjoy one listed below.

BOOK / AUTHOR

A Better Way / Lelvis Sorly
A Time for Trumpets / Charles MacDonald
Band of Brothers / Stephen Ambrose
Bataan Death March / William Dyess
Black Hawk Down / Mark Bowden
D-Day / Stephen Ambrose
Faith of My Fathers / John McCain
Flags of Our Fathers / James Bradley
Fly Boys / James Bradley
Give Me Tomorrow / Patrick O'Donnell
Ghost Soldiers / Hampton Sides
Hero Found / Bruce Henderson
Horse Soldiers / Doug Stanton
In the Company of Heroes / Michael Durant
Lone Survivor / Marcus Luttrell
Retribution / Max Hastings
Some Survived Manny Lawton / John Toland
Tears in the Darkness / Michael Norman
The Coldest Winter / David Hamberstam
The Greatest Generation / Tom Brokaw
The Only Thing Worth Dying For / Eric Blehm
We Were Soldiers Once and Young / Harold Moore
Unbroken / Laura Hillenbrand

War Letters / Andrew Carroll

Task 2 - Interview a Veteran

Locate a US Armed Forces Veteran from one of our major conflicts (i.e., WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, OIF, OEF, etc. Theme for the interview: How did their service affect them, professional and personally? You may record the interview if that will help or keep a transcription.

I strongly recommend that you write a list of questions out prior to the interview. I realize that for our International Students this piece may be difficult. Let me know if this step proves too difficult to complete. (bill.rexford@wooserschool.org)

Task 3 - Write an Essay

In 300 to 600 words, *What did you learn from reading book and interviewing a veteran?* In your essay provide evidence of the book you read as well as the interview.

This project will be educational for you and I will be able to get baseline writing assessment as well. This project is typical of what is to come - you will be expected to create meaning and actively participate in this course.