

Military Service Resource List for Grades 5 through 8

Books

Nonfiction and Biography

- Jefferson Barracks: Images of America, 2011 by Sandie Grassino (Author), Maj. (Ret.) Art Schuermann (Author).
Since it was founded in 1826, Jefferson Barracks has stood for nearly two centuries as a symbol for many aspects of America's history. It played a huge role in all the countries conflicts and remains an important depository of the Nation's history.
- The Korean War (Atlas of Conflicts), 2004 by R.G. Grant (Author).
Examines the conflict between North and South Korea and the conflicts that persist.
- Military History: The Definitive Visual Guide to the Objects of Warfare, 2012 by DK Publishing (Author).
Organized chronologically and by key military technology, this title covers the weapons, armor, equipment, and battles that have defined war through the ages, showing the impact of changes in military technology have had on history.
- Pearl Harbor: Ready to Read Level 3, 2001 by Stephen Krensky (Author), Larry Day (Illustrator).
Written in simple yet clear language, the book teaches readers about the political scene before and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in December 1941, and how this event shaped our country's place in the world.
- The Persian Gulf and Iraqi Wars (Chronicle of America's Wars), 2004 by Lawrence J. Zwier (Author), Matthew Scott Weltig (Author).
Explores both ancient and modern history of the Persian Gulf region, with emphasis on Iraq's wars with the United States, Iran, and Kuwait.
- Primary Source Accounts of the Vietnam War (America's Wars Through Primary Sources), 2006 by Kim A. O'Connell (Author).
Looks at the Vietnam War through the eyes of soldiers and others involved. The author uses letters, diaries, and other documents to give the reader a more personal view of this war.
- Primary Source Accounts of World War II (America's Wars Through Primary Sources), 2006, by John Richard Conway (Author).
Explores World War Two through the documents of the time, from diary entries and letters to song lyrics and speeches.

- Primary Source Accounts of the Korean War (America's Wars Through Primary Sources), 2006 by John Richard Conway (Author).
Looks at the history of the Korean War through the letters, diaries, newspaper accounts, songs, speeches and literature from the time.
- Red-Tail Angels: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, 1996 by Patricia C. McKissack (Author) and Fredrick L. McKissack (Author).
A history of African American pilots with a focus on WW II.
- Secret Agents! Sharks! Ghost Armies! World War II, 2017 by Laurie Calkhoven (Author), Valerio Fabbretti (Illustrator).
Before Julia Child was a famous chef, she was cooking up shark repellent during World War II! Americans had to use clever and creative tactics to win their battle. Tactics that included inflatable army tanks, costumes, and fake radio transmissions.
- Simple History: A simple guide to World War II, 2015 by Daniel Turner (Author/Illustrator).
Discover the epic story of World War II through a timeline, learn about technology and combat weapons and meet the leaders who directed the global conflict. This book covers American, British (and commonwealth), Russian, German, Japanese and Italian experiences of the war.
- Simple History: Vietnam War, 2015 by Daniel Turner (Author, Illustrator)
Discover a timeline telling the story of the conflict and explore the battles, technology and tactics of combat.

Fiction

- America at War: Poems Selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2008 by Lee Bennett Hopkins and Stephen Alcorn.
More than 50 poems exploring war, from the American Revolution to the Iraq War. Includes Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, e. e. cummings.
- Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II, 2005 by Joseph Bruchac (Author).
This deeply affecting novel honors all the young men from the Navajo Nation who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo people.
- Fallen Angels, 1988 by Walter Dean Myers (Author).
Fallen Angels takes place in 1968, against the backdrop of the Vietnam War. The story follows the journey of a teenager from New York City who struggles to survive in Vietnam. *Excellent but graphic.*
- Gaijin: American Prisoner of War, 2015 by Matt Faulkner (Author). Graphic Novel
Based on a true story, this is the tale of a 13-year-old California boy who is half Japanese. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, he is sent to an internment camp.
- Sunrise Over Fallujah, 2009 by [Walter Dean Myers](#) (Author)
Operation Iraqi Freedom, that's the code name. But the young men and women in the military's Civil Affairs Battalion have a simpler name for it: WAR. Myers looks at a contemporary war with the same power and searing insight he brought to the Vietnam war of his classic, FALLEN ANGELS. *Excellent but graphic.*

Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Arlington National Cemetery: Explore the cemetery and its history. (Brochure)
<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/0/Web%20Final%20PDF%20of%20Brochure%20March%202015.pdf>
- Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery: Jefferson Barracks is the oldest National Cemetery. (Brochure)
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pdf/JeffersonBarracksNationalCemetery.pdf>
- Military Kids Life: a print magazine for kids whose families are in the military.
<http://www.chameleonkids.com/magazine/>

Online Links

These sites have a rich array of resources, including background information, simulated experiences, and much more.

- The Pritzker Military Museum: This resource has an outstanding collection of artifacts and information as well as rotating exhibits you can view online. Students can listen to music from the WW I era and explore personal narratives from soldiers in Vietnam, and much more. There is an extensive digital archive for research purposes.
<http://www.pritzkermilitary.org/>

Background information for the Educator

- National History Day website: This section contains classroom resources, links to research sites to help students get started, as well as resources to help teachers bring primary sources into their classroom every day. <https://www.nhd.org/teacher-resources>
- National Cemetery Administration Veterans Legacy: This is an educational outreach program that provides resources and links for educators.
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/legacy/index.asp>