

## **Military Service Resource List for Grades 9 through 12**

### **Books**

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- The Gulf War: Operation Desert Storm 1990-1991 (Modern Warfare), 2014 by Anthony Tucker-Jones (Author).  
Each stage in the Gulf War, the liberation by American-led UN forces of Iraqi-occupied Kuwait in 1990-91, is vividly described in this photographic history.
- 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 of 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.
- The Navajo Codetalkers, 2016 by J. Patrick Lewis (Author).  
With a complicated history of mistreatment and distrust of the American Government, the Navajo People helped win WW II.
- 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 battles. Tactics that included inflatable army tanks, costumes, and fake radio transmissions.
- The Vietnam War: A History in Documents, 2003 by Marilyn B. Young (Author), John J. Fitzgerald (Author), A. Tom Grunfeld (Author).  
A collection of primary documents about the war and how it was viewed in the United States.

- The Clever Teens' Guide to World War Two, 2017 by Felix Rhodes (Author).  
This guide covers all the major facts and events giving you a clear and straightforward overview of the politics involved, the violence that ensued and how it changed the world in unimaginable ways.
- What It Is Like To Go To War, 2012 by Karl Marlantes (Author).  
This is a deeply personal and candid look at the experience and ordeal of combat, critically examining how we might better prepare our young soldiers for war.

### 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.
- 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, is 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.*
- Rat Life, 2009 by Tedd Arnold (Author).  
After developing a friendship with a young Vietnam War veteran in 1972, 14 year old Todd discovers his writing talent and solves a murder mystery.
- The Things They Carried, 2009 by Tim O'Brien (Author).  
Based on the memories of a platoon of soldiers in Vietnam, This is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling.

### Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Arlington National Cemetery: Explore the cemetery and it's 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 History: provides authoritative, in-depth and enlightening articles on the history of warfare, from ancient times into the 20th century,  
<http://www.magazineline.com/military-history-magazine>

- 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>