

Discover America

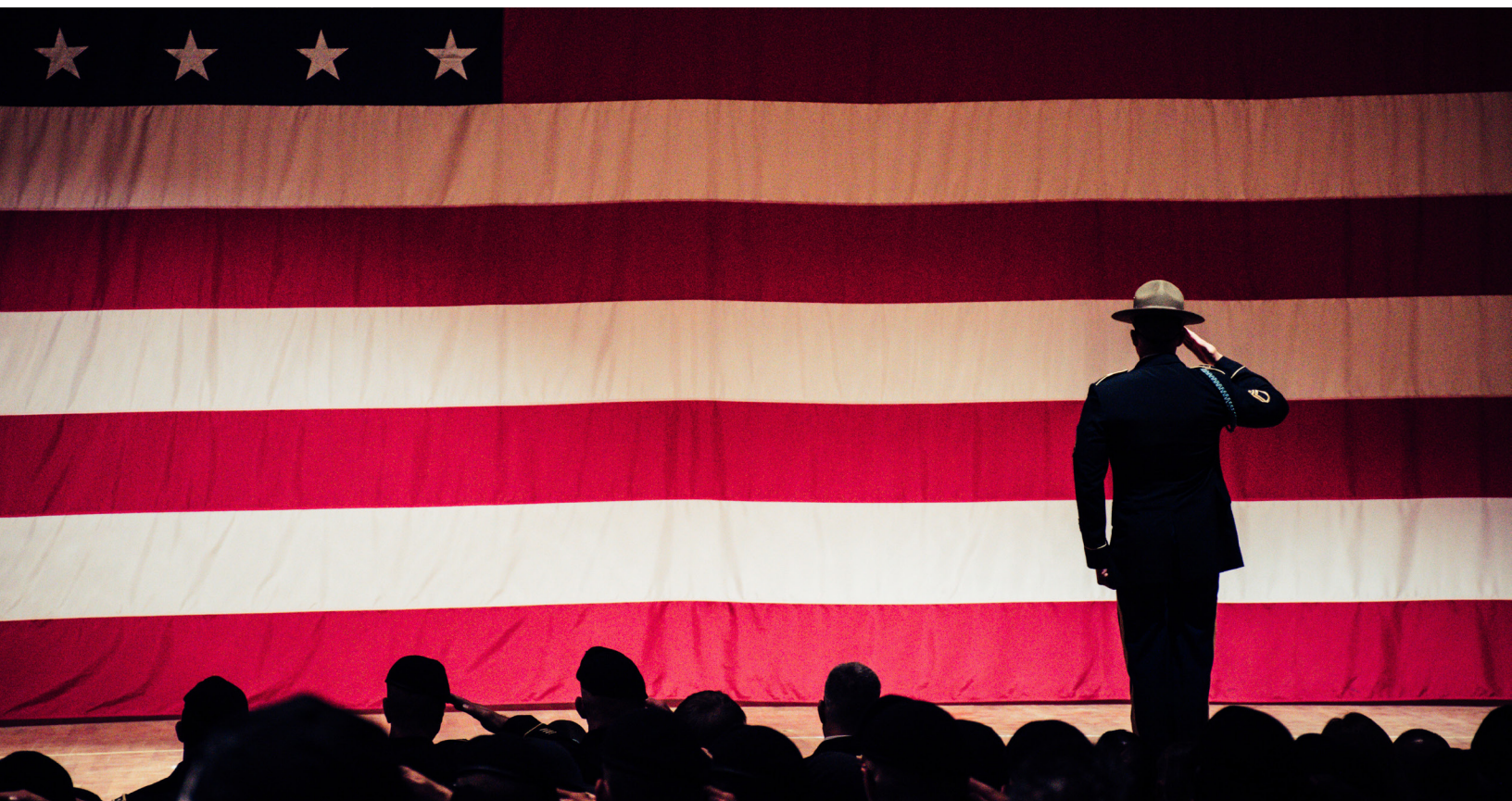
Course 11 - Teacher Guide



Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Understand the importance of thanking Soldiers and Veterans
- Understand what it means to sacrifice
- Understand the history of wars the USA has fought in



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Key Terms

- 01 **Sacrifice** - to give something up
- 02 **Joshua Chamberlain** - known for his heroism during the Civil War; a professor at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine; served 4 terms as governor of Maine
- 03 **Cardinal** – highly important
- 04 **Bedrock** – foundational
- 05 **First Responders** – a certified person who can provide care in an emergency until more help arrives on the scene

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Introduction

In this course, we will learn about Our American Heroes! America has a rich history of honoring those who sacrifice for our freedom on special days throughout our year.

TELL Students

The ideal of sacrifice for others is very old in our culture and in many others who preceded us in history from whom we drew inspiration. Those whom we remember with the greatest honor are often those who have personally chosen to bravely risk their own lives to “step between us and danger” when every rational thought would have prompted them to do exactly the opposite.

There are many professions where such willing sacrifice for others is a cardinal value: law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency responders of all types; but the one profession where the ideal of sacrifice for others stands out as a bedrock value is that of our warriors. These men and women have personally pledged everything they have, down to their very lives, so that they might stand between us and those who would harm us all.

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Learn More with Liberty:
**Episode 11, Our American Heroes
Honor & Sacrifice**

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Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain

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There are so many worthy examples of men and women that stand out in the over 246 years of our Republic's history that it is nearly impossible to single out just two. The first example I have chosen was a "Professor of Rhetoric and Received Religion" at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, whose courageous leadership in our American Civil War saw him lead his men through several truly desperate combat situations and rise to the rank of Brevet Major General by the war's end. Through 24 major battles he was wounded six times and had six horses shot out from beneath him.

After the war he served four terms as Governor of Maine. He returned to Bowdoin College and spent a great deal of the rest of his long life of service teaching and writing his memoirs of the Civil War.

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Learn More with Liberty - [Joshua Chamberlain](#)

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Emergency Responder Heroes on 9/11

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The next example of sacrifice as a way of life is not about a single individual, but the host of courageous men and women who responded to the brutal Islamist suicide attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001. More than 91,000 rescue, recovery and clean-up workers, and volunteers were ultimately involved in responding to this national tragedy over the months after it occurred.

Unlike so many others that fateful day who fled away in panic at these unprecedented and unexpected attacks, these men and women ran towards the danger to help others, and in so doing sacrificed their own lives while trying to save the lives of others, the vast majority of whom they did not personally know.

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Learn More with Liberty - **First Responders**

Our American Heroes - 3rd Grade **Assessment**

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Our American Heroes - 3rd Grade **Assessment Key**

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