

Assignment: Honoring Heroes: A Medal of Honor Recipient's Story

Objective: Research a Medal of Honor recipient and share their story of courage and sacrifice with a modern audience.

Step 1: Choose Your Hero

- Browse the NH Medal of Honor Recipients online (<https://www.vhlc.org>) or visit the Veterans Heritage Learning Center to find a recipient whose story interests you.

Step 2: Research and Analyze

- Dive into the recipient's military service. When and where did they serve? What branch were they in?
- Learn about the act of valor that earned them the Medal of Honor. What was the situation? What did they do?
- Consider the impact of their actions. Did they save lives? Turn the tide of battle?

Step 3: Social Media Spotlight

- Imagine you are creating a social media post (like for Instagram or Twitter) about this Medal of Honor recipient.
- **Write a short caption (1-3 sentences):** Briefly introduce the recipient, their era of service, and their act of heroism.
- **Include an impactful image:** This could be a portrait of the recipient, a picture of their medal, or an image related to their service.
- **End with a call to action (optional):** Encourage viewers to learn more about the Medal of Honor or to honor veterans in their community.

Remember:

- Keep your caption clear, concise, and engaging for a social media audience.
- Focus on the recipient's bravery and the significance of their actions.
- Use respectful language and proper citations if mentioning specific details from your research.

Example Post:

Image: Portrait of Sergeant Alvin York

Caption: Today we remember Sergeant Alvin York, a WWI hero. During the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, York's bravery under fire turned the tide of a battle, capturing over 130 German soldiers. #MedalOfHonor #WWIHistory

Teacher Tips:

- Encourage students to be creative with their social media post format.
- This assignment can be adapted for different learning styles; artistic students can create a short graphic or illustration to accompany their post.
- For a more challenging option, students can research a lesser-known Medal of Honor recipient and bring their story to light.