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Women’s History Month
Dr. Mary E. Walker, MOH Recipient

Medal of Honor
Mary Walker

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## OBJECTIVES:

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.7**

Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).

### STRATEGIES:

- Drawing/Coloring
- Writing
- Think/Pair/Share
- Collaboration
- Discussion Questions
- Small Groups
- Large Group

## MATERIALS:

- Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board;
- Students will need access to a tablet and the internet to complete part of this lesson;
- copies of My Medal of Honor Recipient worksheet;
- copies of the Draw Your Own Graphic Novel Page-Vernon Baker

## Engage:

**Hook the students**

Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer.

T/P/S Question: Have you ever received a trophy or a medal? Why did you receive it? What did it mean to you?

## Explore:

**Students make sense of a concept through observations.**

Share The Technical Elements of a Graphic Novel (page 2 of this lesson plan) with students. Examine the parts of the graphic novel. Ask the students what happens if you take out any one of these elements, what do you lose? Can you still understand the story?

Explain that graphic novels use both words and images. How does the combination of words and images help with understanding?

Have students go to the following website:

https://online.flowpaper.com/77a9072e/MedalofHonorMaryWalker/#page=1

Students will read the Dr. Mary Walker Graphic Novel. Students will complete the MOH worksheet. Students will research Dr. Mary E. Walker.

## Explain:

**Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.**

- panels
- bleed
- gutters
- dialogue balloon
- thought balloon
- captions
- sound effects
- motion lines
- art
- Valor

### Medal of Honor Recipient
- recipient
- Medal of Honor
- conflict/war

## Elaborate:

**Students apply what they have learned.**

Students will complete the “My Medal of Honor Recipient” worksheet describing the actions taken by Dr. Mary E. Walker that earned her the Medal of Honor, the students will research Dr. Mary Walker online and write a 3-paragraph essay describing his life, the student will label the parts of a graphic novel.

## Evaluate:

**assessment.**

“My Medal of Honor Recipient” worksheet, 3 paragraph essay, Label the Parts of a Graphic Novel worksheet, Draw your own Mary Walker Graphic Novel Page

## Enrichment/Service-Learning Project

Collaborate with your class members to think of a need in your community. Organize a project to fulfill that need for the greater good of your community.

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The Technical Elements of Graphic Novels

Panels (Frames) usually squares or rectangles containing a single scene. Can also be “Open” (where one or more, or all, of the panel’s sides are open to show dramatic effect), or “Splash” (where one panel takes up the space of several panels in order to introduce or highlight an action or character)

Bleed - images spreading beyond the panel’s edges

Gutters - space between panels

Dialogue Balloons - show communication between or among characters. Read left to right and/or top to bottom as appropriate.

Thought Balloons - show a character’s thoughts

Captions - contain information about a scene or character, act as narrator

Sound Effects - visual sound clues (for example, Wham, Boom!)

Motion Lines - indicate how characters or objects are moving

Art - design features, symbolism, fonts and lettering style, perspective

Excerpt from Neil Gaiman’s *Coraline*
Name_____________________________________

**Label the Parts of a Graphic Novel**

Directions: Label the Graphic Novel parts with the corresponding letter from the list below. Place your answer in box identifying the part.

- A. thought balloon
- B. sound effect
- C. gutter
- D. frame
- E. dialogue balloon
- F. bleed
- G. motion lines

Excerpt from *Opposite Land*, By Charlotte Rose Hamlyn

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Lesson: Women’s History Month-Dr. Mary E. Walker, Medal of Honor Recipient, Graphic Novel-Serve and Succeed Project

MY MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Name__________________________________

Directions:
1. Go to Dr. Mary E. Walker’s MOH Graphic Novel.
2. Read the graphic novel.
3. Answer the questions on this worksheet.
4. Google Dr. Mary E. Walker. Write a 3-paragraph essay describing her life.

In which Conflict(war) did Dr. Mary E. Walker serve?

Describe the obstacles Dr. Mary Walker had to overcome.

List two facts you learned about Dr. Mary E. Walker.

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Draw a Page from the Life of Dr. Mary E. Walker

Directions: Using the frames below, draw your own graphic novel page about the life of Dr. Mary Walker.
Service-Learning Project

1. Define Community Service - Community service is unpaid work performed by a person or group of people for the benefit and betterment of their community.

2. Explain that community service can take many different forms. (For example, conducting a canned food drive for your local food bank, or raising money to help a local charity that provides food and other necessities for a local animal shelter, or providing school supplies for students whose families may have fallen on hard times.)

3. Describe some of the opportunities available for your students to perform a community service project in your local community or school.

4. Brainstorm ideas for a Service-Learning Project your students can perform! Think about needs your local Veterans may have or your local community or school.

5. Pick a Project - Discuss the various ideas from the Brainstorming Activity, allow the students to vote or choose a project they can complete as a class. Choose a name for the project. Tell students to write the name of their project on the Service-Learning form.

6. Discuss the next steps for their project. Tell the students to list the steps on the Service-Learning form. (This should include making a poster, like the Rosie the Riveter “We Can Do It” poster, to advertise their project.)

7. Examine ways parents, family members and friends can help your class with their Service-Learning Project. Tell the students to write this on their Service-Learning form.

8. Decide a Start and End date for your project. Tell the students to write the dates on their Service-Learning form.

9. Attach a note to the Service-Learning Project form to send home to parents, letting them know their child will be participating in the project. The type of project your class decides to do will determine how much help they may need from parents and family members. For example, if they decide to clean up around the school playground, they may only need disposable gloves and trash bags.

10. Conduct a debriefing when the project is complete. Ask students to write a short paragraph about their project. Explain to students that “service” does not have to be military service - they can “Find A Way to Serve” in many different ways!

11. Make sure you send an email to teach@wreathsacrossamerica.org telling us what kind of project your class completed, include pictures! Put your school’s name and project name in the subject line of the email!! We look forward to hearing from you!!
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<td>How can my family &amp; friends help?</td>
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