

# LOCATIONS & GROUPS

## EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

September 2024

# Join the Wreaths Across America TEACH Initiative!

“We are not here to ‘decorate graves.’ We are here to remember not their deaths, but their lives.”

- Karen Worcester, Executive Director of Wreaths Across America

## Expanding Our Mission

In 2022, Wreaths Across America expanded the TEACH component of our mission to *Remember-Honor-Teach*.

## Meet Our TEACH Team

**Cindy Tatum**, TEACH Curriculum Developer & Education Liaison

**Susan Patten**, Development & Communications Coordinator,  
TEACH Program

## Free K-12 Curriculum

Access the *free* TEACH Curriculum on our [Educational Resources Page!](#)





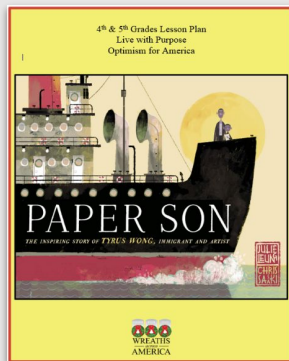
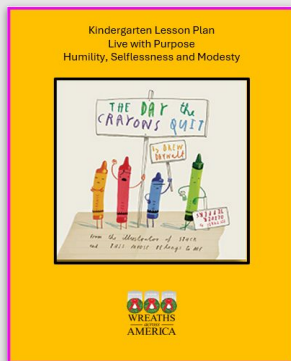
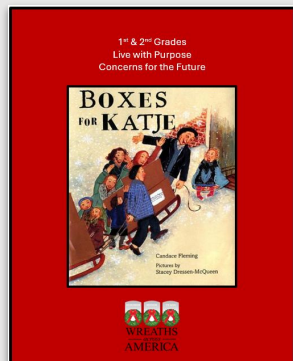
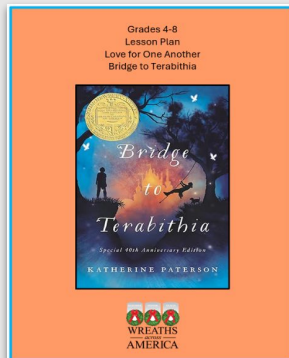
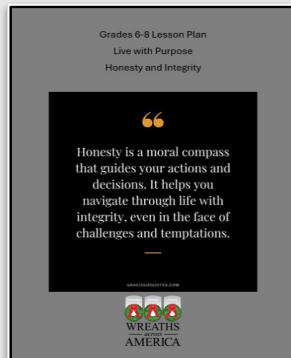
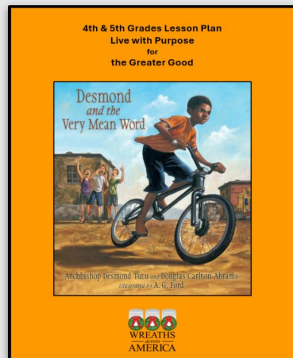
# The 2024 Theme: Live With Purpose

- **NEW MATERIALS:** In 2024, new TEACH materials have been developed to align with the 10 Attributes of a Veterans' Wreath, helping students “live with purpose”.
- **FOCUSED LESSON PLANS:** The lesson plans focus on character and service components.
- **FREE K-12 RESOURCES:** The free educational resources are available for all grade levels, K-12.
- **ADDITIONAL:** New materials are added regularly, especially during special WAA events.

To download the TEAM curriculum and K-12 lesson plans, visit this page:  
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/Resources/EducationalResources>



# Join our Quarterly TEACH Webinars!



## *You are invited to attend* WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA TEACH QUARTERLY WEBINARS

CO-HOSTED WITH LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT





# Educational Activity: Write/Pair/Share



*What is a*  
**VETERANS'  
WREATH?**

Write/Pair/Share

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# The Power of Purpose: Unlocking Youth Potential

## Why TEACH Children to “Live with Purpose”?

- ❖ **Thriving Youth:** About 20% of youth today are thriving—highly engaged in activities they love and developing a clear sense of what they want to do with their lives.
- ❖ **Self-Focused:** 25% are not motivated to care for anyone but themselves.
- ❖ **The Majority:**
  - **Dreamers (25%):** Have lofty ideals but aren’t moving towards accomplishing them.
  - **Dabblers (30%):** Have partial goals but only a weak commitment to pursuing them.

## What makes the difference?

According to Damon, the key ingredient for the highly engaged is that they have developed a clear sense of purpose in their lives that motivates them and gives them direction.





# Youth Correspondent Program (Ages 14-18)



## Empowering the Next Generation of Storytellers

- ❖ **Volunteer Position:** Gather and package information into news reports for Wreaths Across America Radio.
- ❖ **Training & Guidance:** Receive mentorship from experienced Wreaths Across America multimedia professionals.
- ❖ **Skill Development:** Enhance interview, broadcast writing, and production skills.

### Contact:

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### Listen to Past Reports:

<https://soundcloud.com/wreathscrossamericaradio/sets/youth-correspondent-feature>



# Promote the TEACH Program!



## Get Involved and Make a Difference

- ❖ **Share the Resources:** Help us promote the Wreaths Across America TEACH Program by sharing the link to our resources with friends, teachers, and homeschoolers in your community.
- ❖ **Contact Schools:** Reach out to your local high school Guidance Office to inquire if students are required to perform community service hours.
  - Inform them about the opportunity for students to earn community service hours through our program.
  - Provide the Guidance Counselor with the dates, times, and locations of your cemetery.
- ❖ **Encourage Volunteering:** Invite your children and other young people to volunteer on National Wreaths Across America Day, December 14, 2024.





# LISTEN to Wreaths Across America Radio!

## MISSION MATTERS

WITH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KAREN WORCESTER

*Time in*

WEDNESDAY  
10AM & 7PM ET  
AND SUNDAY 7PM ET

ONLY ON



**Wreaths Across America Radio is a 24/7 internet stream**, perfect for sharing your stories about the impact you're making by involving youth in our mission and how the TEACH curriculum supports those efforts.

**Tune in** for the live morning show every weekday from 6am to 10am ET for various programs produced by and/or relating to veterans, and so much more!

To schedule a time to **share your story**, contact Jeff Pierce at [jpierce@wreathscrossamerica.org](mailto:jpierce@wreathscrossamerica.org).

**Listen anywhere** at

[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio) or via the iHeart Radio app, TuneIn, Simple Radio apps, or download it from the App Store or Google Play.



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# Meet the WAA Locations & Groups Team!



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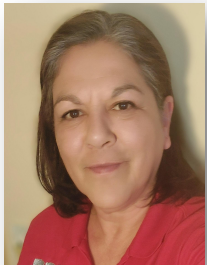
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