



## 2025 Veterans Day Digital Content Contest Teacher's Guide- HIGH SCHOOL

### 2025: “United We Stand”

The mission of the Clovis Veterans Memorial District (CVMD) is to provide a permanent living memorial honoring U.S. Military and Veterans; provide facilities and support programs to promote a legacy of service for preserving our community's and country's foundational ideals. Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor and give thanks to those who have served or are serving in the military, those who preserve the American way of life.

The resources included in this Teacher's Guide can be used to talk to your class about the history of Veterans Day and introduce them to this year's theme: “United We Stand.”

#### **History of Veterans Day:**

Veterans Day is held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, which began as a celebration of peace after World War I ended. It was originally called Armistice Day, to celebrate the truce signed between America and Germany during World War I. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day, to honor all veterans.

*Resources for teaching your students about Veterans Day:*

[Veterans Day and the Meaning of Sacrifice](#)

[History of Veterans Day](#) (Video)

[The History of Veterans Day](#)

#### **What is the history of the phrase United We Stand?**

The phrase “*United We Stand*” has been an important part of American history for centuries. It first appeared during the Revolutionary War in a song called *The Liberty Song*, reminding the colonists that they had to work together to win their freedom. Since then, it has been used during the Civil War, both World Wars, and most recently after the attacks of September 11, 2001, as a way to show that America is strongest when people stand together. This year, as we celebrate the Clovis Veterans Memorial District's 80th Anniversary, “*United We Stand*” reminds us that our community, like our nation, honors and remembers veterans by coming together in unity.

#### **What is the history of the Clovis Veterans Memorial District?**

The Clovis Veterans Memorial District was created in 1946, just after World War II, when the people of Clovis wanted a special place to honor those who had served and sacrificed for our country. Over the years, the District has grown into a center for the community, providing space for veterans' organizations, civic groups, schools, and families to gather. It is centered on the ideals of **honoring veterans, educating the community, and inspiring future generations**. For

almost 80 years, the District has kept that promise by hosting events like Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, supporting local veterans, and sharing history through exhibits and programs at the Community Heritage Center.

### **Starting a conversation...**

Introduce Veterans Day to your students, and the reason we celebrate our Veterans. Review what the history of the theme United We Stand and the Clovis Veterans Memorial District, and what it means to your students.

Discuss with the students.

- What does “United We Stand” mean to you and your generation?
- Why is it important for a community to come together to honor veterans?
- How have veterans helped protect unity and freedom in America?
- How does celebrating the Clovis Veterans Memorial District’s 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary connect to the idea of unity and honoring veterans?
- What role can students play in helping their community stay united?
- How does digital storytelling give new life to traditions like Veterans Day?

### **Resources**

[National Constitution Center](#)

[Library of Congress Veterans History Project](#)

[This is What Democracy Looks Like](#)

### **“United We Stand” Prompt:**

For 80 years, the Clovis Veterans Memorial District has been a place where our community comes together to honor and remember veterans. The District was created in 1946, after World War II, to recognize the service and sacrifice of those who defended our freedom. Since then, it has stood as a symbol of unity—hosting events, sharing stories, and inspiring new generations to value service. This year’s theme, “United We Stand,” is a reminder that just as our community has stood together for eight decades, our nation is strongest when “United We Stand.”

Write a 2-4 page essay around the theme “United We Stand.”

### **How to Enter:**

Submit your entry online at [cvmdistrict.org](http://cvmdistrict.org) or bring a copy on a USB drive to the Clovis Veterans Memorial District- 808 Fourth Street, Clovis, CA 93612. If you have any questions regarding the contest please call the Clovis Veterans Memorial District at (559) 299-0471.

**Related Common Core Standards:**

*9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade*

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.8

Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.9

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

*11<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade*

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.7

Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a questions (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.8

Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.9

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.