# LESSON 3: LEARNING FROM A VETERAN

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## OVERVIEW

This lesson utilizes veteran interviews found at [www.kwvdm.org](http://www.kwvdm.org) to allow students to learn about the events of the Korean War and the experiences of the soldiers.

## TEACHER GUIDE

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<td>Students will be able to describe major events from the Korean War. Students will be able to analyze the daily life of soldiers in the Korean War.</td>
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## INFORMATION

Teacher will show short [video](http://www.kwvdm.org) of a student talking about what she learned from listening to a veteran story. Teacher will ask students to reflect on her story and how this is different from reading a book. Students will watch a short (3 min.) video of a student talking about what she learned from listening to a veteran story. Students will discuss what she learned, and how this learning might be different from reading a book.

## ACTIVITY

Teacher will circulate and answer questions as needed by the students. This is a good time to ensure that any key terms, dates, or names from your standards are understood. Students will use [www.kwvdm.org](http://www.kwvdm.org) and the bio sheet provided to summarize the stories of one veteran from the archive. With over 300 interviews, they can choose based on interest or length of interview.

## SUMMARY

Teacher will ask students to come back together and comment on what can be learned from watching the interview. Students will discuss what they learned from watching an interview.

## EXTENSION

Teacher can watch an interview themselves and create a quote poster to display in the classroom. Students can create a quote poster (a collection of quotes from the veteran and applicable photos from the archive on a 8.5 by 11 paper) either by hand or electronically.

## MATERIALS

- Internet access
- Bio sheet
- Optional: drawing paper

## RESOURCES

- [www.kwvdm.org](http://www.kwvdm.org)

## NOTES

There are more tips and links at the bottom of the lesson plan page ([www.kwdhproject.org](http://www.kwdhproject.org)).
Biography Template

- Veteran Name ________________________________
- Year born or age ________________
- Place of birth (city and state) ________________________________
- Years of service in the war ________________________________
- Where stationed during war ________________________________
- Main job(s) during the war ________________________________
- Discharge date? ________________________________
- Occupation after war? ________________________________
- Where does Veteran live today? ________________________________
- Family information ________________________________
- Wounded during war? Yes or No (circle one). If yes, what happened? ________________
- POW? Yes or No (circle one). If yes, where? Release date? Conditions in prison? ________________
- Daily life as a soldier (2-3 facts) ________________________________
- Most vivid memory while in Korea ________________________________
- 1 more interesting fact about this Veteran ________________________________

Optional: Quote Poster

Using Word, or drawing by hand, create a small (8.5 by 11) poster using your favorite quotes from this veteran. Include photos from www.kwvdm.org, or use the website for inspiration for your drawings. The veteran’s name should appear somewhere on the poster.