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## ***“Modern Day Patriots (In the News)”***

***Subject Area:***

Social Studies

***Subject Area/Grade Level Taught:***

US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

***Quality Plus Teaching Strategies Used:***

Summarizing

***Concept/ Topic to Teach:***

Modern Day Patriots

***Georgia Standards Addressed:***

SSUSH25

For teachers outside the state of Georgia, check your local or state curriculum to see what requirements this lesson plan satisfies.

***General Goal(s):***

To have students identify modern day patriots and explain the qualities of modern day patriots.

***Specific Objectives:***

1. Locate patriots in the news: locally and nationally
2. Evaluate today's patriots' importance in American

***Required Materials:***

Newspapers  
VHS tape of news (locally and nationally)  
Internet

***Step-By-Step Procedures:***

1. Define the meaning of a true patriot. Clarify that men and women are both equal to being patriotic.
2. Ask student to name modern day patriots. Then ask students to explain why they chose that person.
3. Show the local and national new broadcast to students from the night before.

4. Share more information on a current event and then focus on modern day patriots that are playing an important role in that event. Allow students to express their opinions during this discussion.
5. Tell students to research different people they see as today's patriots. Students should pick one person to research.
6. Create a portfolio/biography on his/her selected patriot.
7. Have student to one of the following:
  - (1) Dress up like the patriot and give a speech about the patriot.
  - (2) Create a news broadcast to present patriot to class.
  - (3) Create a newspaper column promoting the patriot.
8. Have students create a poster that can hang in the hallway to display his/her patriot to the school.

***Adaptations for Students with Special Needs:***

***Extensions for Gifted Students:***

Have students research patriots from other countries.

***Possible Connections to Other Subjects:***

***Additional Comments:***