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## **Modern Day Patriots: In The News**

Grades: 6-8  
Social Studies

### **Objective**

- 1 Locate patriots in the news: locally and nationally
- 2 Evaluate today's patriots importance in America
- 3 Evaluate today's American patriots overseas

### **Character Education Words**

- Patriotism
- Diligence
- Loyalty
- Sacrifice

### **Teacher's Overview**

- 1 The student will be able to name today's patriot and how he/she has been loyal to Americans and America
- 2 The student will recognize the contribution of American patriots overseas

### **Materials**

- **Newspapers**
- **Television News:** Local and National
- **Internet**  
<http://www.patriotfiles.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=index>  
<http://www.cafepress.com/buy/iraq/patriotic>

### **Introduction**

- 1 Begin by defining the meaning of a true patriot. Clarify that men and women are both equal to being patriotic, military and non military
- 2 Ask the student whom he/she thinks would be considered a modern day patriot. Ask the students to explain their answers and name any patriots in their family.

- 3 Teacher is to show the local and national news broadcast to students by recording the night before broadcast. There should be some footage of the war on terror.
- 4 Teacher may discuss how the war has influenced our culture, economy. Show websites with war memorabilia.
- 5 Teacher should also discuss with class the reasoning behind the war.
- 6 Have students share their opinion when discussing the current events.

### **Activity**

1. Tell student to research different people who would be thought of as today's patriotic person.
2. Use the site <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/fallen/> to pick out a patriot
3. Use information on the patriot to write eulogy for the fallen hero.
4. Class will dress in black for "funeral" service and one by one walk to the front of the room and read a short eulogy of the fallen soldier of their choice. Teacher will use projector to show pictures on internet page as students talk.

### **Individual Practice/Reflection**

- The student should create a patriotic poster to encourage fellow classmates to become more patriotic. Hang posters throughout the school halls with pictures of fallen soldiers

### **Assessment**

- Teacher observation by overseeing research information, class presentations, and patriotic posters