

U.S. Wars

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Course Description: U.S Wars is an introduction to historical battles and a war gaming class. Students will have an in depth study of important battles in American History using lecture and hands on experiences. Each class will start with a short lecture discussing a battle and will also include a demonstration of tactics using the board game *Memoir '44*. The majority of time will be allotted for the students to use *Memoir '44* to wargame the battles described. The end of class will be reserved for general clean up.

The battles that will be addressed in this class are:

- The Battles of Lexington and Concord (American War of Independence)
- The Battle of Yorktown (American War of Independence)
- The Battle of Antietam (American Civil War)
- The Battle of Gettysburg (American Civil War)
- The Attacks on Pearl Harbor (World War II)
- Operation Torch (World War II)
- Operation Husky (World War II)
- Operation Overlord [D-day] (World War II)

Materials: A copy of *Memoir '44* will be provided for every pair of students. These copies will be used and stored **in class only** and must be treated with respect - they will be used in future classes. No other materials are required (though a small notebook is suggested).

Field Trip: The class will participate in a field trip on January 10th to Hill Air Force Base. Volunteer tour guides will be provided by the Museum. Students are expected to treat these guides with utmost respect. Parent chaperones are welcome to attend this field trip.

Media: The class will be watching three films to help students understand and visualize battles as they unfolded. The films that will be used are as follows:

Johnny Tremain (1957) - A film produced by Disney and based on the best selling novel of the same name. The film was produced before film ratings were standardized under the MPA and therefore has no rating. Today its content can be considered G.

Tora, Tora, Tora (1970) - A film depicted the events of Pearl Harbor as accurately as possible. The film is rated G.

The Longest Day (1962) - A film depicted the events of June 5th and 6th 1944, also known as D-Day. The film is based on the best selling novel of the same name. The film is rated G.

Students interested in the class who do not receive permission to view the films are still welcome to participate! However, they will be given alternative assignments on those days. I give permission for my student to watch the above films. If not, an alternate activity will be provided.

YES

NO

Student Name (First and Last): _____

Student Signature (First and Last): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (First and Last): _____