

LESSON PLANS & RELATED CURRICULUM

(Developed by the National Postal Museum and/or the National Museum of American History)

Victory Main (V-Mail) Online Exhibit

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/VictoryMail/index.html>

Background Information & Lesson Plans. Lesson Plans include those for Elementary (grades 2-5) & Middle/High School (grades 6-12) and include lessons and information for the following:

Letter Writing (Language Arts)

Historical Context for WWII (Social Studies)

(Developed by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum)

War Letters: Lost and Found

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/warletters/index.html>

“War Letters: Lost and Found” features original letters from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. No Lesson Plans, but great primary source resource for historic letters and photographs. (Developed by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum)

We were There: Letters From the Battlefield

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/educators/we.pdf>

Background Information, Images, & Lesson Plans (including original letters) developed for grades 9-12.

Lessons focus on letters from the Civil War, World War II, and the Vietnam War. (Language Arts and Social Studies)

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A Nation Divided

http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibits/2a6_anationdivided.html

Background Information and Images that describe the division of the U.S. mail service during the Civil War. (Developed by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum)

Fad to Fundamental: Airmail in America

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/airmail/index.html>

Interactive Website & Background Information outlining (including the role of the U.S. military) in the development of airmail service. (Developed by the Smithsonian National Postal Museum)

The Price of Freedom: Americans at War

http://amhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory/resources/pof_teachersmanual_lo.pdf

Interactive Website, Background Information, and Learning Resources developed by The National Museum of American History to accompany their exhibition *The Price of Freedom: Americans at War*. Information covers the entire scope of military engagements in the United States.

Moving the Mail West

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/MMW/index.html>

Interactive Website, Background Information, and Lesson Plans about Moving the Mail in the West. While this does not follow the topic of mail in the military, it does correspond to our local history. Topics include the Civil War, migration West (including the Gold Rush), and the Pony Express.

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Letters From Home: An Exhibit-Building Project for the Advanced ESL Classroom

<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/educators/letters.pdf>

Students use letters to build language and communication skills. Contains activities to illustrate the dynamic power of personal letters and create an exhibition of letters.

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