

American Voices

2019 Veteran's Day Program

SONG: American Voices (4th Grade)

Orange Group Student 1: "Believe you can and you're half way there!"

Orange Group Student 2: That was Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States of America.

Orange Group Student 3: Before Theodore Roosevelt was president, he was a member of the 1st United States Volunteer Academy, known forever as the Rough Riders, for indeed they were!

Orange Group Student 4: Roosevelt said "I am only an average man but, by George, I work harder than the average man!"

Orange Group Student 5: That was the character of 1901 America!

Orange Group Student 6: As the world turned into a new century, America was turning into a place where everybody wanted to be.

Orange Group Student 7: Patriotism reached new highs in 1904 and the place to be was Saint Louis, Missouri for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition...

Orange Group Student 8: ...More commonly known as The World's Fair!

SONG: Americana Medley (Orange Group)

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- Blue Group Student 1: The Year is 1918, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
- Blue Group Student 2: "Extra! Extra! Read all about it! The War to end all wars is over!
- Blue Group Student 3: The country and the world were emerging from a rough era of war and epidemic.
- Blue Group Student 4: There was even talk of revenge against the countries that seemed to have caused the conflict.
- Blue Group Student 5: The military members were honored for their courageous efforts during the war.
- Blue Group Student 6: This was how Veteran's Day, originally called Armistice Day, first began. It was changed in 1954 by Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- Blue Group Student 7: Our Heroes fought valiantly for their country and helped ease the hearts and minds of our great nation.
- Blue Group Student 8: All together, America was ready to celebrate and have some fun! So the 1920's came in with a roar and a dance that was the cat's meow!

**SONG: Won't You Come Do the Charleston
(Blue Group)**

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- Red Group Student 1: World War I was supposed to be the war to end all wars, but that was not the case.
- Red Group Student 2: In the 1940's, World War II broke out, and American soldiers were back in the battlefields of Europe and Asia.
- Red Group Student 3: Young men were signing up in droves and being shipped all over the world as defenders of freedom and liberty.
- Red Group Student 4: Once again families and friends were separated and the loneliness of war took a toll on all Americans.
- Red Group Student 5: Yet, it was a promise of being back together with family and friends that helped boyfriend and girlfriends...
- Red Group Student 6: ...brothers and sisters...
- Red Group Student 7: ...moms and dads...
- Red Group Student 8: ...and all fellow Americans survive the pain of separation and believe in brighter days ahead.

SONG: I'll Be Home Real Soon (Red Group)

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- Green Group Student 1: At last, the long war was over in Europe and in Asia. The men....
- Green Group Student 2: and women....
- Green Group Student 3: Were all coming home!
- Green Group Student 4: Ironically, the war was actually a boost to the American economy and hope for happier and brighter days ahead made America a "happening" place to be!
- Green Group Student 5: Hello.... Baaabbbbyyyy! Welcome to 1959!
- Green Group Student 6: Things are looking up boys and girls! World War II is over!
- Green Group Student 7: So get your poodle skirts, slick back your hair, and get your daddy's T-Bird!
- Green Group Student 8: Cause America's on a rock and roll!

SONG: We're On a Rock and Roll
(Green Group)

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- Yellow Group Student 1: In the 1960's and 70's there were a lot of Americans disillusioned by yet another war and what seemed to be an impossible generation gap.
- Yellow Group Student 2: Many were tired of wars overseas and cultural wars at home.
- Yellow Group Student 3: America was ready for Peace, Love, and Brotherhood.
- Yellow Group All: Right On...!

SONG: Peace, Love, and Brotherhood (Yellow Group)

- Yellow Group Student 4: America overcame so many things, and all with the help of our Veterans.
- Yellow Group Student 5: The voices of our heroes echo in our hearts and minds...
- Yellow Group Student 6: But thanks to them, there is a new set of American Voices... Every one of US!
- Yellow Group Student 7: As we grow and learn from those who came before us, we add our voices to the chorus that make up the beauty of American Song.
- Yellow Group Student 8: Thank you Veterans for every sacrifice you have made, you helped us build this beautiful nation, and we could not have done it without you!

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Mrs. Hoevelman's Introduction to The Salute to Armed Forces

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