

Wreaths Across America

Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date:
Grade: 2 nd Grade	Lesson: <i>The Poppy Lady-Moina Belle Michael</i> Find A Way to Serve-Thank a Veteran!

OBJECTIVES: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.		STRATEGIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Writing <input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Large Group
MATERIALS:	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the poppy wreath coloring sheet, copies of The Poppy Lady crossword puzzle	
Engage: Hook the students	Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer. T/P/S Question: What makes a person famous? Define the term biography- A biography is a true story about someone's life . Biographies tell about famous people, or ordinary people who have done exciting things. They usually center on one person's life and how they have contributed to the world.	
Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Play the Read Aloud Video of <i>The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans</i> , Author Barbara Elizabeth Walsh. https://youtu.be/tHhsFkD7WIk Moina Belle Michael was an ordinary person that did extraordinary things. Moina was always helping people, what groups of people did she help? Students at the small school, students at the college and veterans. What did Moina do that made her famous? Moina started a campaign to create a national symbol of remembrance in 1920, the National American Legion voted to use the poppy as the official U.S. national emblem of remembrance. What inspired Moina to work so hard to have the Red Poppy symbolize those who served in the military? A soldier left a copy of a magazine on her desk, in the basement of a building at Columbia University, she saw a picture of a soldier standing in a field of crosses with red poppies. Beside the picture was the poem, "In Flanders Fields" by Dr. John McCrae.	
Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.	biography World War 1 poppies	sacrifices pledge Flanders Fields
Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.	freedom volunteer character	
Evaluate: assessment.	Biography Worksheet; The Poppy Lady Crossword Puzzle; Color the Red Poppy Wreath, write a note to a Veteran.	
Enrichment/Service-Learning Project	Biography Worksheet; Color the Red Poppy Wreath, write a note to a Veteran. Brainstorm ideas to serve veterans in your community. Collect magazines, socks, toiletry items and make care packages, or mail the notes you made or hand them out to Veterans if your school has a Veterans Day Program.	

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Biography Worksheet

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Where was Monia born?

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How would you describe Monia? What character traits did she have?

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What accomplishments did Moina have in her lifetime?

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Biography Worksheet-ANSWER KEY

The Poppy Lady-Monia Belle Michael and Her Tribute to Veterans

Author: Barbara Elizabeth Walsh

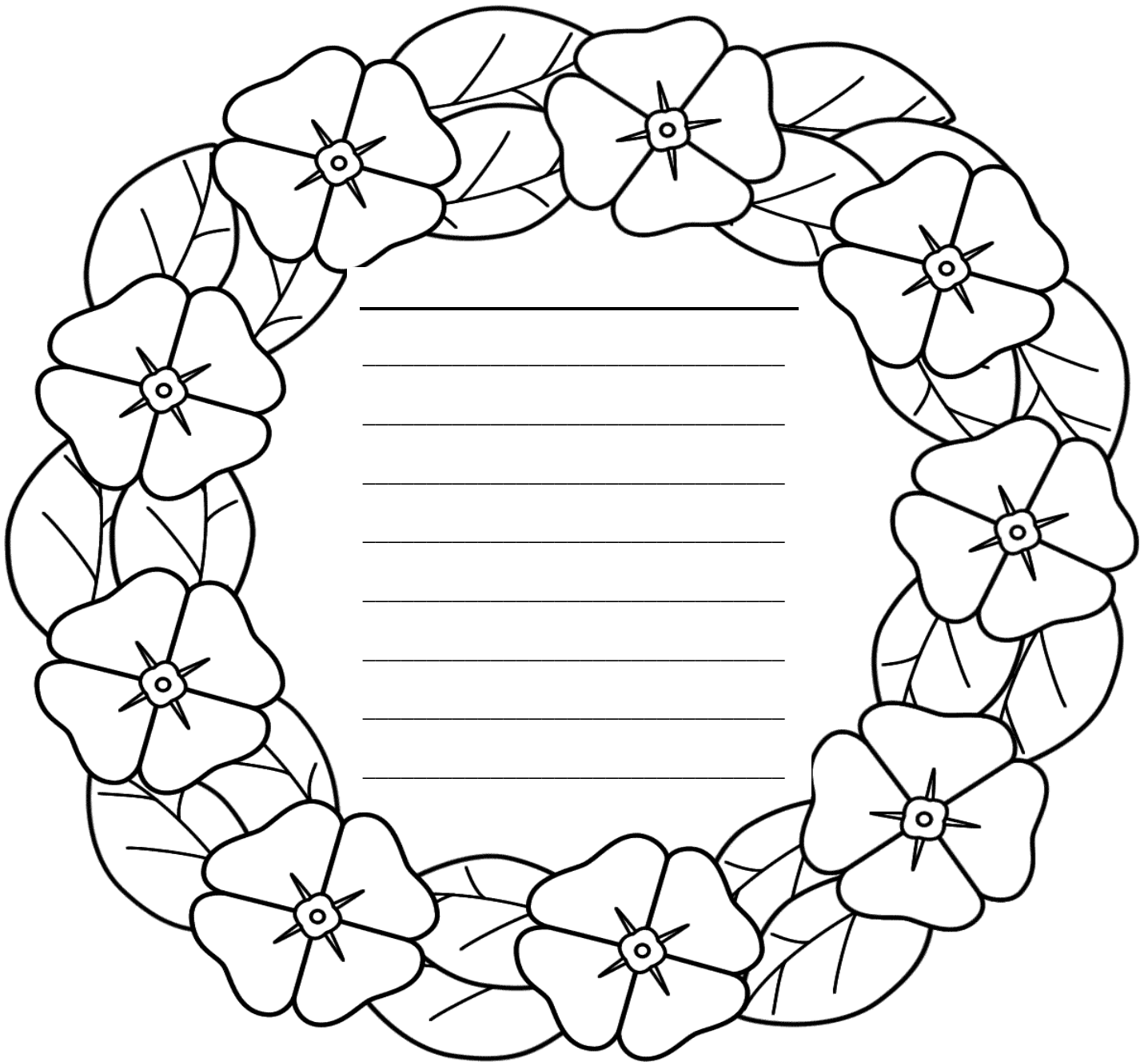
1. What was Monia Belle Michaels nickname? **The Poppy Lady**
2. Where was Monia born? **Georgia**
3. How old was Monia when she volunteered to teach children in her community?
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4. How would you describe Monia? What character traits did she have? Answers will vary, but should include some of the following: **Kind, Giving, Determined, Strong Work Ethic, Good Character, Volunteer Spirit, etc.**
5. What obstacles did Moina have to overcome to accomplish her dream of helping veterans?
 - A. Moina wanted to go overseas to volunteer as a canteen worker, she was told she was too old to go overseas to volunteer.
 - B. Moina decided to volunteer in the basement of a Columbia University Building in New York City. The work area was dark and dreary looking so Moina purchased flowers with her own money to brighten up the space. She met with the troops when they came in and tried to be like a mother or sister to the troops. Helping them if they needed it, or just talking to them about home.
 - C. After seeing the article with the picture of the red poppies and John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields" in the magazine, she wanted the country to adopt the Red Poppy as a symbol of Remembrance. She had to write many letters, and travel to many places, using her own money, to finally get support from the American Legion to accept the Red Poppy as the national symbol of Remembrance.
6. What accomplishments did Moina have in her lifetime? **Moina was able to fulfill her dream of serving veterans and of having the Red Poppy become the national symbol of Remembrance. She was able to raise a lot of money to help veterans and their families. Moina received many awards and commendations for her volunteer efforts on behalf of our veterans.**

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Color the Red Poppies Wreath. Write a short note in the center thanking a Veteran for their service to our country.

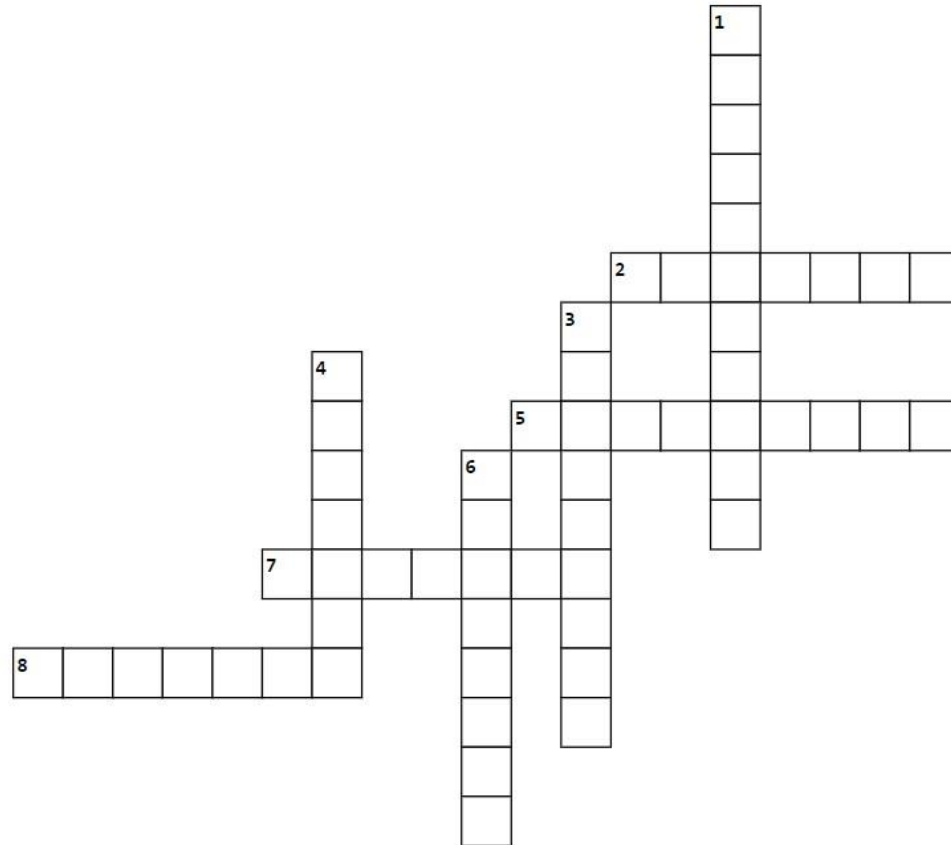


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The Poppy Lady Crossword Puzzle



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4. What Monia put on the tables to brighten the room
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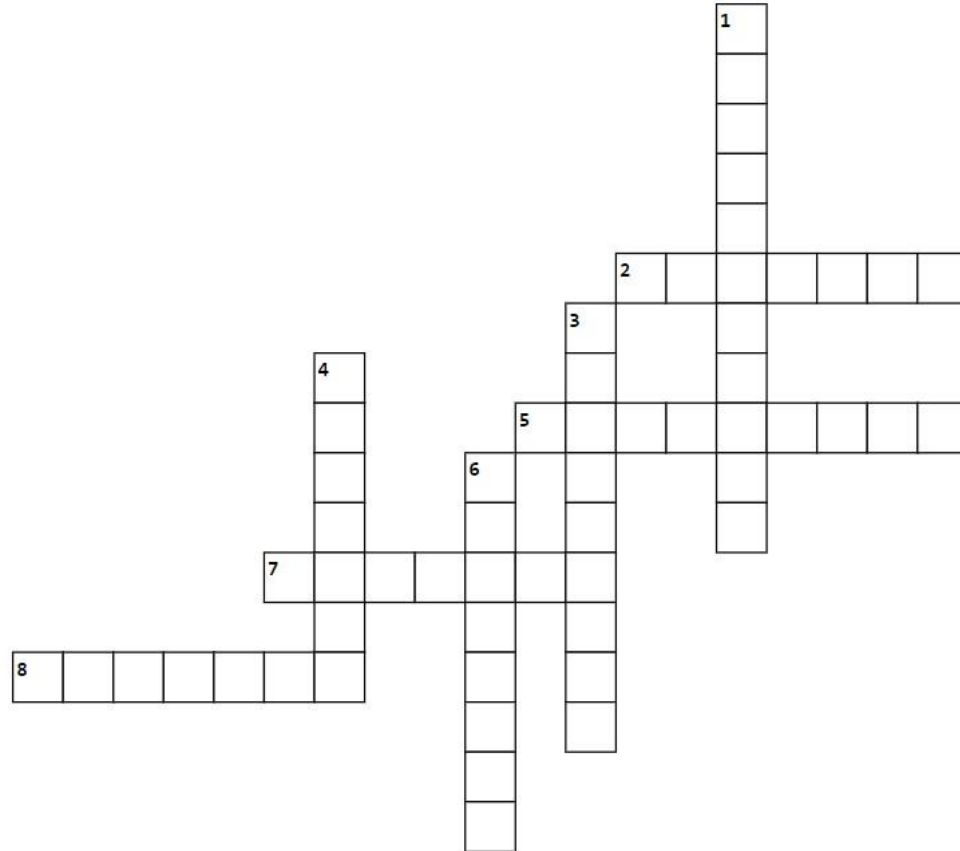
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