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**1. Identify the standards to be addressed:**

National Standards for Music Education #9 - Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

**2. Statement of the objective and lesson outcomes:**

Students will be presented the history of our Veterans Day Celebration and through discussion, singing and teacher led activities will understand more fully the importance of Veterans and the recognition they receive on Veterans Day.

**3. Materials, resources, and technology to be used by teacher/students:**

Students - Pencils and crayons, markers or colored pencils.

Teacher - Access to computer, projector and white board.

Resources - What is Veterans Day? Link - <https://youtu.be/iwARh3i8pNo>, Song "We Will Not Forget" Link - <https://youtu.be/9amVqMRJ2p0>, Song "Eleven, Eleven" Link - <https://youtu.be/SHNrAvAuaa8>, Song "Armed Forces Medley" Link - [https://youtu.be/BXIVe4\\_9Vp8](https://youtu.be/BXIVe4_9Vp8), Song - "God Bless America" Link - <https://youtu.be/z5hD38Bs8Y>

**4. Introduction of the topic:**

Ask the students who we celebrate on Veterans Day and follow up with the question, "What is a veteran?" Allow students to share their thoughts and observations about veterans and Veterans Day.

**5. Procedure for instruction:**

Let the class watch the video "What Is Veterans Day?" Introduce the song links explaining that many songs are written about veterans, and their importance, so that we can honor them through music. Share each song and encourage the class to follow the words and sing along.

**6. Lesson closure:**

Ask the students again: Who are Veterans? and Why do we celebrate Veterans Day? Have the class make suggestions of other songs that might be included on a list of music honoring veterans.

**7. Assessment of Understanding:**

One of the following activities may be used to assess student understanding:

Word Search - <http://allfreeprintable.com/cont/ws/pdf/ws-vetday.pdf>

Divide students in small groups and, using paper and pencil, have them prepare a "mock" program for a Veterans Day event.