



Veteran Lunch Visit



Student Targets:

I can... identify what a veteran is

Materials/Equipment:

- Veteran
- [Conversation Cards](#)
- Chairs
- Tables
- Presentation resources
- Lunch for the adults

Photo of Lesson/Set Up



Activity Procedures:

1. Invite a veteran (or two) to come spend lunch with your students.
2. Give each veteran a few talking points, but let them prepare whatever style of presentation they prefer. Sometimes a picture book can be a good opening.
 - a. What did they do after the military?
 - b. What skills did they learn in the military?
 - c. Why did they join the military?
 - d. Their branch, unit,
3. Let your veteran(s) know what age level they are talking to ahead of time. Give them any guidance for what you feel is appropriate. (IE: no military action talk about guns or blood or killing)
4. Inform the veteran(s) any documentation they will need to enter the building
5. Invite students to join you for lunch with the veterans
 - a. I am a school librarian so an open invite was given to all the students in my building, but it could be just a classroom.
6. Provide time at the end for students to ask questions. If they are not able to come up with them you can pass out the conversation starters to help them.
7. Always end the lesson with a "thank you" to the veteran(s).

Debrief Questions (circulate around the room towards the end and ask community questions):

- Did you get a chance to talk to any of the veterans?
- What are you taking away from this? Was there anything that will stick with you?