



SOL Connections for High School Social Studies Teachers

A field trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps gives Virginia public school teachers the opportunity to enhance students' understanding of the SOL Curriculum Framework.

Grade 9: World History and Geography: 1500 to the Present

WHII.11: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the worldwide impact of World War II.

❖ Following a visit to the Museum, students will be able to answer these **SOL Essential Questions:**

- What were the causes of World War II?
- What were the major events of World War II?
- Who were the major leaders of World War II?
- What were the outcomes of World War II?
- What were the international cooperative organizations created after World War II?

❖ **SOL Essential Understandings & Essential Knowledge** (WHII.11) identified in the Museum's **World War II Gallery:**

- Major theaters of World War II included Asia and the Pacific Islands
- Aggression by totalitarian powers
- Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
- Atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- General Douglas MacArthur
- Hideki Tojo
- Emperor Hirohito
- U.S. occupation of Japan

WHII.12: The student will demonstrate knowledge of major events and outcomes of the Cold War.

❖ Following a visit to the Museum, students will be able to answer these

SOL Essential Questions:

- What events led to the Cold War?
- How did the Cold War influence conflicts in Eastern Asia after World War II?
- What was the policy of containment?

❖ **SOL Essential Understandings & Essential Knowledge** (WHII.11, 12) identified in the Museum's **Korean War Gallery** and **Vietnam War Gallery**:

- Competition between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. laid the foundation for the Cold War
- The Cold War influenced conflicts around the world
- The presence of nuclear weapons influenced patterns of conflict and cooperation since 1945
- Harry S. Truman
- Joseph Stalin
- Division of Europe—Iron Curtain
- Establishment of the United Nations
- Containment: policy for preventing the spread of communism
- Mao Zedong
- Korean conflict (participation by Communist China)
- Vietnam War
 - Leadership of Ho Chi Minh
 - Vietnam as divided nation
 - Influence of containment
 - Vietnam as a reunited communist country