

Theme: How did wars impact Truman's life and presidency?

Overview: Civil War, WWI, WWII, Cold War, Korean War

Gallery:

Area 3a (early life)

Significant topics to cover

1. Civil War
2. Southern upbringing
3. Order No. 11

Artifacts to be highlighted

Order No. 11 painting in Lasting Impressions
Photos of his grandparents on family tree wall
Photo of Truman in National Guard uniform

People to be highlighted

Grandparents; family

Historical context and anecdotes

Grandmother and national guard uniform story

Addressing the theme and questions

How did the Civil War and his southern upbringing influence him in life?

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Gallery:

Area 3b (World War I)

Significant topics to cover

1. World War I
2. Role as captain
3. Leadership and friendships he formed

Artifacts to be highlighted

Any of his WWI equipment; WWI photos and maps
WWI multimedia

People to be highlighted

Battery D, Eddie Jacobson, Ted Marks, Bess Wallace

Historical context and anecdotes

Battle of Who Run

Context of war - Wilson, US and WWI

Addressing the theme and questions

How did World War I influence him in life and his presidency?
How did the relationships he formed help him in politics later on? How did his leadership develop and help him later?

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Gallery:

Area 3c (World War II)

Significant topics to cover

1. World War II
2. Role as Senator (Truman Committee)

Artifacts to be highlighted

WWII timeline

Propaganda Poster flipbook

People to be highlighted

FDR

Historical context and anecdotes

US and WWII

Truman committee

Pearl Harbor

Addressing the theme and questions

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Gallery:

Area 4 (World War II)

Significant topics to cover

1. End of World War II
2. Atomic Bomb

Artifacts to be highlighted

Safety plug

People to be highlighted

Stalin, Churchill, Japanese, Stimson

Historical context and anecdotes

US and WWII

Addressing the theme and questions

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Gallery:

Area 5 (Cold War)

Significant topics to cover

1. Cold War
2. Berlin airlift; Marshall Plan, Truman doctrine

Artifacts to be highlighted

Exhibits in area on Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan and Berlin Airlift

People to be highlighted

Stalin, Communism v Capitalism

Historical context and anecdotes

US and the world

Truman's attitudes towards communism, helping defeated countries. "We stay in Berlin. Period"

Addressing the theme and questions

How did the Cold War influence him in life and his presidency?

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Gallery: Area 8 (Korean War)

Significant topics to cover

1. Korean War
2. Integration of troops

Artifacts to be highlighted

Various Korean War related artifacts and uniforms
Banning letter

People to be highlighted

North v South Korea
MacArthur
Banning
China, Soviets

Historical context and anecdotes

Role of UN
Firing of MacArthur

Addressing the theme and questions

How did the Korean War influence him in life and his presidency?

Optional stops to add
Gravesite; Working office