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

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

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
How did World War II influence him in life and his presidency?
Theme: How did wars impact Truman’s life and presidency?

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
How did World War II influence him in life and his presidency?
Theme: How did wars impact Truman’s life and presidency?

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

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