Core Value Lesson

Building Background Knowledge

Medal of Honor Values

INTEGRITY: Being honest, keeping your word, and doing what is right, especially when it's hard.
COURAGE: Acting despite fear, danger, or hardship.
COMMITMENT: Drawing on the internal force that binds you to an idea, relationship, or goal.
SACRIFICE: Risking or giving up something of value for someone or something else.
CITIZENSHIP: The responsibility to participate and contribute to your community, society, or nation.
PATRIOTISM: The love, pride, and appreciation you have for your country.

Pre-writing

- Create a gallery walk with each of the six Medal of Honor values at the top of a giant Post-it note or large piece of paper. (Do not include definitions.)
- As students rotate to each poster, they should write what they think that value means.
- After everyone has had a chance to write comments on all six posters, students should return to sit in six smaller groups.

Small Group Work

- Divide students into six small groups.
- Give each group one of the posters. Have students work together to answer the following questions:
  - What is the *definition of _____?
  - Which other Medal of Honor value is most closely related to this value, and why?
  - What are two actions or choices that would show this value?
  - Give two examples of people you know, people from history, or people who are currently alive who show this value by their actions and decisions.
  - Draw at least one picture to illustrate your value.

- Create a new poster in your group that shares this information.
- Be prepared to present the information you discussed and put on your poster with the rest of the class.

*If students are confused or off base about a meaning, share the Medal of Honor definition with the group.