



NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

***In The Shadow of The Blade* Learning Activity: The Stories Behind The Names**

As *In The Shadow of the Blade* illustrates, behind each name on the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial (“The Wall”) is the story of a person who left friends and loved ones behind. This learning activity encourages you to connect with—and perhaps help preserve—those stories in a way that will have lifelong meaning for them and others.

1. Select the name of an American Killed In Action (KIA) in Vietnam, either through *In The Shadow of The Blade*, through personal knowledge, or through Internet listings (www.thevirtualwall.org).
2. Research information about the individual, including his or her branch of service, unit, dates of service, military occupational specialty (“job”), family, city, cause of death, and another information that brings the veteran “to life.” Factual information related to the war (places, battles, roles) should be included.
3. Create a history of the person, including written and graphic components in a multi-media presentation, according to the requirements.

Final project must include:

At least 10 slides, or an original artistic creation, including:

1. **A title**
2. **A thesis**
3. **Supporting information**

4. **Appropriate graphics**
 5. **Complete Works Cited**
 6. **Optional but encouraged: music, audio, art**
- Information from at least three written sources. One must be a first-person (primary) source.**
- Internal notations for quoted material.**

4. Present your final product to the class and, if you choose, to the Virtual Wall and/or the family. *Should you ever have the opportunity to visit the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial, you can leave your tribute and it will be collected and stored by the National Archives.*

Appropriate tone and respect are expected of and required from you at all times during this project.