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HVL LESSON TITLE:

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT

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GUIDING QUESTION:

How did music help tell the story of the attack on Pearl Harbor and other WWII battles?

OVERVIEW:

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SUBJECT(S):
Social Studies



WWII VETERAN(S):
Sherwin Callander



DURATION:
60 minutes

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“When we pulled into Pearl Harbor, I had never seen such a mess in my life. I even had to pull bodies out of the water. ”

WWII Veteran Sherwin Callander

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OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this lesson, students will be able to

- Understand how music played a role during World War II.
- Write lyrics and music to depict WWII veteran Sherwin Callander's story.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

“December 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy.” These are the famous words spoken by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in response to the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Many Americans were not even aware of where Hawaii was, yet when the news hit that the Japanese had attacked, resulting in over 2,000 casualties, Americans were ready to seek revenge and quickly rallied for war.

Sammy Kaye went to work writing “Remember Pearl Harbor,” a song that became the rally cry for beating the Japanese.

STANDARDS:

AL: 1: Composition and Theory

Describe and demonstrate how sounds and musical ideas can be used to represent sonic events, memories, visual images, concepts, texts, or storylines.

AL: 11: 9 Social Studies

Describe the significance of major battles, events, and consequences of World War II campaigns, including Pearl Harbor.

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MATERIALS & DOCUMENTS

[Sherwin Callander Video](#)

“Remember Pearl Harbor” Lyrics (Doc. A)

[Audio to “Remember Pearl Harbor](#)

Computer Access

PROCEDURES

ACTIVITY 01

- Show the [Sherwin Callander Video](#)
- Instruct students to circle the adjectives on the Feeling Document (Doc A) that the video evokes in them, in someone present at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and in American citizens on Dec. 8, 1941.
- Discuss the words that were circled.

ACTIVITY 02

- Project the lyrics of “Remember Pearl Harbor” (Doc B) and/or play the lyrics.
- The teacher should point out key words of the lyrics that help make the song a rally cry for Americans following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ask students for their opinion on the lyrics.

ACTIVITY 03

- Instruct students that they will write a song on Sherwin Callander’s experience in WWII. They can focus his role at Pearl Harbor, D-Day, or just time in the Navy.
- **NOTE:** If this lesson plan is being used in a music class, teachers may reference [Getting Started With Composition](#) for a variety of techniques to use for the song-writing activity. Teachers can also just require students to write lyrics.
- Require students to write three stanzas and a chorus.
- Teacher can elect for students to share their song at the end of class.

METHODS FOR EXTENSION

- Extend the activity by requiring students in music class to set the lyrics to music. Teachers can record the songs, host a contest, and have the winning song played at the annual Veterans Day assembly or the annual concerts.

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FEELINGS HANDOUT



OPEN	HAPPY	ALIVE	GOOD	LOVE	INTERESTED	POSITIVE	STRONG
understanding	great	playful	calm	loving	concerned	eager	impulsive
confident	joyous	courageous	peaceful	considerate	affected	keen	free
reliable	lucky	energetic	at ease	affectionate	fascinated	earnest	sure
easy	fortunate	liberated	comfortable	sensitive	intrigued	intent	certain
amazed	delighted	optimistic	pleased	tender	absorbed	inspired	rebellious
free	overjoyed	impulsive	encouraged	devoted	inquisitive	determined	unique
sympathetic	gleeful	free	clever	attracted	engrossed	excited	dynamic
interested	thankful	animated	surprised	passionate	curious	enthusiastic	tenacious
satisfied	important	spirited	content	admiration	drawn toward	bold	hardy
receptive	festive	thrilled	quiet	warm		brave	secure
accepting	ecstatic	wonderful	certain	touched		daring	confident
kind	glad		relaxed	close		optimistic	challenged
	cheerful		serene	comforted			
	elated		reassured	loved			
	jubilant						

UNPLEASANT FEELINGS

ANGRY	DEPRESSED	CONFUSED	HELPLESS	INDIFFERENT	AFRAID	HURT	SAD
irritated	lousy	upset	incapable	insensitive	fearful	crushed	tearful
enraged	disappointed	doubtful	alone	dull	terrified	tormented	sorrowful
hostile	discouraged	uncertain	paralyzed	nonchalant	suspicious	deprived	pained
insulting	ashamed	indecisive	fatigued	neutral	anxious	pained	grief
annoyed	powerless	perplexed	useless	reserved	alarmed	tortured	anguish
upset	diminished	embarrassed	inferior	weary	panic	dejected	desolate
hateful	guilty	hesitant	vulnerable	bored	nervous	rejected	desperate
offensive	dissatisfied	shy	empty	preoccupied	scared	injured	pessimistic
bitter	miserable	stupefied	forced	cold	worried	offended	unhappy
aggressive	detestable	disillusioned	hesitant	disinterested	frightened	afflicted	lonely
resentful	repugnant	unbelieving	despair	lifeless	timid	aching	grieved
inflamed	despicable	skeptical	frustrated		shaky	victimized	mournful
provoked	disgusting	distrustful	distressed		restless	heartbroken	dismayed
incensed	abominable	misgiving	woeful		doubtful	agonized	
infuriated	terrible	lost	pathetic		threatened	appalled	
cross	in despair	unsure	tragic		cowardly	humiliated	
worked up	sulky	uneasy	in a stew		quaking	wronged	
boiling	bad	pessimistic	dominated		wary	alienated	

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR LYRICS

DOC B



REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

History in every century records an act that lives forevermore.
We'll recall, as into line we fall,
The thing that happened on Hawaii's shore.

Let's remember Pearl Harbor
As we go to meet the foe.
Let's remember Pearl Harbor
As we did the Alamo.
We will always remember how they died for Liberty.
Let's remember Pearl Harbor
And go on to victory.

Sammy Kaye

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