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SCAN ME TO VIEW LESSON

HVL LESSON TITLE:

Surviving on Rutabagas

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Surviving on Rutabagas

GUIDING QUESTION:

Do you have what it takes to survive on rutabagas as WWII soldiers did? What is significant about rutabagas in the war?

OBJECTIVES:

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Describe the significance of a rutabaga during WWII
- Explain the taste of a rutabaga



Subject(s):

Social Studies



WWII Veteran(s):

George Mills



Duration:

45 min.

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TC Dawson shares his story in Vietnam during his service and the assigned missions.

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OVERVIEW

Watch the interview of George Mills as he recounts him being a POW in Germany.

STANDARDS

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.6-8.7

Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.6-8.9

Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.

NASAFACS 9.3

Evaluate nutrition principles, food plans, preparation techniques and specialized dietary plans.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Battle of the Huertgen Forest began in September 1944 and culminated in mid-February 1945. It lasted nearly five months and it cost the U.S. Army more than 34,000 casualties.

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MATERIALS & DOCUMENTS

George Mills Video:

Surrounded by the enemy.

https://youtu.be/GUZw25g0Ecs?si=6G9S-jWkj_UtVpw0R

Article:

"Rutabagas"

<https://www.thelandconnection.org/blog/whats-a-rutabaga/#:~:text=Not%20only%20do%20rutabagas%20have,in%20Europe%20had%20access%20to.>

Document A:

"George Mills" the Soldier" (Graphic Organizer)

Document B:

"This Ordinary Man Did An Extraordinary Thing" Article

https://www.army.mil/article/65937/this_ordinary_man_did_an_extraordinary_thing

Document C:

"Rutabagas" (Lab Sheet)

PROCEDURES

ACTIVITY 01

Show the video of George Mills and have students read the article "This Ordinary Man Did An Extraordinary Thing"

https://www.army.mil/article/65937/this_ordinary_man_did_an_extraordinary_thing

• Have students fill in the graphic organizer about Mr. Mills

ACTIVITY 02

Students will answer questions about rutabagas.

<https://www.thelandconnection.org/blog/whats-a-rutabaga/#:~:text=Not%20only%20do%20rutabagas%20have,in%20Europe%20had%20access%20to.>

ACTIVITY 03

Students will taste test rutabagas cooked in various ways as listed in Activity Two article.

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