



School of Instruction: What is Americanism?

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Americanism

“An unfailing love of country;
loyalty to its institutions and ideals;
eagerness to defend it against all
enemies;
undivided allegiance to the flag;
and a desire to secure the blessings of
liberty to ourselves and posterity.”

1. Patriotism

Americanism promotes patriotism.

Get involved and acknowledge patriotic days.



Patriotic Holidays

August is Antiterrorism Month

4 August – Coast Guard Birthday

7 August – Purple Heart Day

8 August – VJ (Victory over Japan 1945)

14 August – Navajo Code Talkers Day

29 August – Marine Corps Reserve Bday

For a complete list visit:

http://www.auxdeptwa.org/uploads/8/9/4/7/8947888/patriotic_holidays.docx

2. Respect for flag

Americanism teaches proper care and respect for the U.S. Flag. The VFW has great information for how to teach flag etiquette to kids!



Flag Etiquette Resources

US Flag Code: <https://www.military.com/flag-day/us-flag-code.html>

VFW Website Flag Etiquette:

<https://www.vfw.org/community/flag-etiquette>

VFW Aux Flag Etiquette for Kids:

<http://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/VFW-Auxiliary-Flag-Education-for-Kids-For-Web.pdf>



3. POW/MIA

Bring awareness to Prisoners of War and those Missing In Action.

Participate in POW/MIA ceremonies to educate others to remember and honor these remarkable veterans. The Missing Man Ceremony is to honor those who are missing.



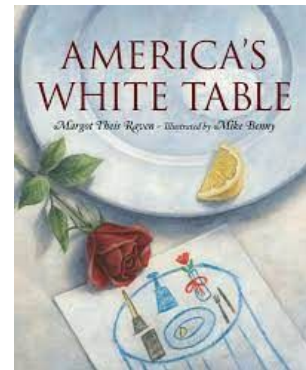
Missing Man Ceremony

Here is a great resource to learn more about this special ceremony:

http://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/23_Missing_Man_Ceremony_SV.pdf

Here is a wonderful book to introduce children to the meaning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uePSkyqYesE>



ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE.
Together we can do so much.

-Helen Keller



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