Iwo Jima: Forgotten Valor
Seventh Grade Worksheet

1. Based on the propaganda posters in slides one and two, what was the U.S. attitude towards the Japanese during the Pacific War?

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2. Why did Lindberg think the Marines might not let him join?

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3. What did Lindberg think of boot camp?

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4. What was the “main thing” Lindberg learned in boot camp?

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5. Which assault wave did Charles W. Lindberg land with?

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6. Describe the terrain of Iwo Jima.

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7. Based on the images of the landing beaches, how difficult was the invasion?

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8. If you were among the Marines, how would you have acted?

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9. How did the Marines train for combat on Iwo Jima?

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10. What happened to Lindberg when he fired his flamethrower for the first time?


11. What effect, if any, did the volcanic sand of the island have on the Marines?


12. How much sleep did Lindberg get during the battle for Iwo Jima?


13. How do you think the lack of sleep affected the Marines?


14. Based on the images in slide ten, how difficult do you think attacking the hidden enemy caves was?


15. How would this affect combat on the island?

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16. Why do you think Lindberg downplays the event where he won his Silver Star?

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17. Could the Marines tell where the enemy mortar fire was coming from?

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18. Why did the Marines have difficulty finding the Japanese?

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19. How did Lindberg feel about the flag raising?

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20. What was the reaction of Marines and Navy personnel when the flag went up on Mt. Suribachi?

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21. Why do you think the American forces reacted that way?

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22. Why do you think Rosenthal’s photograph of the second flag raising became so much more famous than Lowery’s photograph of the first flag raising?

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