Teacher's Guide

H is for Honor
A Military Family Alphabet

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SILENT LETTERS

Some words may be difficult to pronounce or spell because they contain silent letters. On the C page of *H is for Honor* you will find one of these words.

Circle the words below that contain a silent letter.

1. corps
2. talk
3. military
4. knife
5. combat
6. wrap
7. family
8. honor
9. knowledge
10. dumb

Write another word that contains a silent letter ___________
The football field produces rivalry among teams. One of the most popular rivalries can be found in *H is for Honor*. Enjoy reading about this game.

Solve these football problems.

1. There were 8,727 army fans and 9,291 navy fans at the big game. How many total fans?

2. Army scored four times. They earned 6 points on each of 3 touchdowns and 7 points on the 4th touchdown. How many total points did they score?

3. Navy was having a good game. They scored three times—7 points each time, once for 8 points, and twice for 6 points. How many points did they score total?

4. How many more points did Navy score than Army scored?

5. If 1/3 of those who attended the game were cadets, how many cadets attended?
Short and Sweet

Initials, acronyms, and abbreviations are all short ways of saying things. Learn about a few of these “short and sweet” ways of talking in *H is for Honor*, a book about military life.

Give the full meaning for the following:

1. R. and R. ________________________________
2. M. P. ________________________________
3. A.S.A.P. ________________________________
4. P.T.A. ________________________________
5. C.O. ________________________________
6. HQ. ________________________________
7. TDY ________________________________
8. M.R.E. ________________________________
9. PBJ ________________________________
10. NASA ________________________________
**H is for Honor** is a wonderful book about life in the United States military. It gives you information about people serving their country in our military and their families. As you read this book you will learn many interesting facts about military life.

Write fact or fiction in front of each statement below.

________ 1. The navy has more airplanes than it has ships.

________2. The Air Force is the oldest branch of the military.

________3. The Coast Guard patrols foreign countries.

________4. All military brats are sassy kids.

________5. The Marine Corps motto means “always faithful.”


________7. Uncle Fred is a nickname for the United States government.

________8. Reveille is played when the flag is lowered for the day.

________9. The most formal military uniform is called mess dress.

________10. P stands for papa in the military phonetic alphabet.
All who join the military must take an oath of loyalty to our country. You can learn about this oath and many other facts about military life in *H is for Honor.* How well do you know the Pledge of Allegiance? Let’s find out!

Fill in the blanks.

I pledge ___________________ to the ______ of the _______

_________ of __________ and to the __________________

for which it ____________________, one ______________ under

__________, ____________, with __________________

and __________________ for ________________.

Now use your best cursive writing to write the entire pledge.

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As you read *H is for Honor* you will find many fun and interesting facts. Look high and low to find the answers to these questions.

1. Name the first American to give his life in the American Revolution.

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2. Name the five branches of the United States Military in alphabetical order.

_____________ _____________ _____________ _____________ _____________

3. What does it mean to be an amphibious force? _________________________

4. Name the two military teams that play a famous football game each year.

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5. What does M.R.E. stand for? _______ _______ ____ _____

6. In which year did World War II end? ________________________________

7. “Uncle Sam” is the nickname for? ___________ ___________ ___________

8. What is the French word that means to wake up? _____________________

9. If a Coast Guard member has one gold bar on their uniform, what is his or her rank? ________________________________

10. On what date do we celebrate Veterans Day? _________________________
All of the branches of the military were not formed at the same time. Discover when each branch was formed in the wonderful book *H is for Honor*.

Make a timeline placing each branch of the military in order.

1775 1947

Find the number of years between when the first branch of the military was formed and when the last branch was established.
Honor Crossword

*H is for Honor* is an informative and interesting book that describes the United States armed forces. It talks about many important ideas like honor and allegiance.

You’ll find the answers to this crossword in the book.

H ___ ___ ___ ___
O ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
N ___ ___ ___ ___
O ___ ___ ___ ___
R ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

1. How do you feel when a parent returns from overseas duty?

2. What does a drill sergeant give to recruits?

3. What is the branch of the military that has SEALs?

4. Where do large ships travel?

5. What is played when the flag is being lowered?
Create a Phonetic Alphabet

Learn the importance of a phonetic alphabet in *H is for Honor*. Try creating your own phonetic alphabet. Keep in mind it must be easy to say and to understand.

| A____________________ | N____________________ |
| B____________________ | O____________________ |
| C____________________ | P____________________ |
| D____________________ | Q____________________ |
| E____________________ | R____________________ |
| F____________________ | S____________________ |
| G____________________ | T____________________ |
| H____________________ | U____________________ |
| I____________________ | V____________________ |
| J____________________ | W____________________ |
| K____________________ | X____________________ |
| L____________________ | Y____________________ |
| M____________________ | Z____________________ |
Life in the military can be exciting. Learn about what it means to be in the military in *H is for Honor*.

Pretend you have been chosen for the astronaut program. Your training has finished and you’re ready for your space trip. You need to be a good representative for your branch of the military. Write a story about your adventure!

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Learn about the United States military in *H is for Honor*. You will learn that it takes a lot of people to support the military. What does it take to be a good service person?

Attributes are characteristics of a person or a thing. Bravery would be an attribute.

List as many attributes as you can that a person serving in the military might have.

Which of these attributes do you have?
Proud to be a Brat!

When would someone be proud to be called a brat? Find the answer to this question in the book *H is for Honor*. It’s a great book that describes life in the military and life for military families.

Pretend you are a service brat. Write about one of the adventures you have had as a military brat. If you are a “military brat,” describe a true experience.
Vehicles move the military. Do you have a favorite military vehicle? Have fun reading about some of the vehicles in *H is for Honor*. Think about the ways a jet and a jeep are alike and the ways they are different. Make a Venn diagram comparing a military jet and a military jeep.

Which vehicle do you prefer? Why?

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What are elite forces? Who has elite forces? The answer to these questions and many more you have about the United States military can be found in *H is for Honor*. Enjoy reading this interesting book.

Pretend you are a member of one of the elite forces. (Choose the force you would most like to be a part of.) Write a story about a mission your group performed.
Military families face many situations that most families don’t have to think about. Read about military family life in *H is for Honor*.

Make a list of 10 reasons your family is special.
Draw a picture of your family at the bottom of the page.

1. ___________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________
6. ___________________________________________
7. ___________________________________________
8. ___________________________________________
9. ___________________________________________
10. ___________________________________________
Each branch of the military has its fans. Maybe you know someone in the army and that makes it your favorite branch of the service. Find out what it is like to be a part of any military family in *H is for Honor*.

Survey your classmates and find which branch of the service they like the best.

**Army**  **Navy**  **Air Force**  **Marines**  **Coast Guard**

Use this data to make a circle graph. A circle graph shows percentages.
Learn about the lives of military families in *H is for Honor*. You’ll discover how important receiving mail from home is to someone stationed far away from home.

Write a letter to a service person, either one you know or someone you have never met. Tell them about your week at school. Talk about professional sports teams. Ask them questions about what they do. Tell them a joke. Draw a picture at the bottom of your letter.

Use this sheet to do a rough draft of your letter. Make sure your final copy is neat and easy to read. Have fun!
Military families are proud to serve their country. Discover what military life is like in *H is for Honor*.

What if we no longer had a military force in the United States? Write an opinion paragraph on what the world would be like if no country in the world had a military.

State your opinion in the first sentence. The next three sentences should state facts that support your opinion. The last sentence should restate your opinion using different words.

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A Military Tribute

After reading *H is for Honor*, stop and think about how much we have to be thankful for—especially the brave men and women who have served our country.

Write a poem about these brave men and women. Write a rhyming four line stanza. The last word in the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} lines should rhyme. The last word in the 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} lines should rhyme.

Have fun and be creative in your tribute.
Each branch of the military is made up of many teams, each with a task to complete. Discover what military life is like in *H is for Honor*.

Give five reasons why you think teamwork is important in the military.

1.

2.

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5.

Give five reasons teamwork is important in school.

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5.
H is for Honor is a wonderful book that describes many aspects of military life. Each branch of the service has a different style of uniform. Choose one branch of the military and design a new uniform for those who serve in that branch. Remember you’ll need to design a uniform for both female and male.
Honor answer sheet

**Silent letters**- corps, knife, wrap, honor, knowledge, dumb

**Army-Navy Math**- 1) 18,018  2) 25  3) 41  4) 16  5) 6,006

**Make it Short and Sweet**- 1) rest and relaxation  2) military police  3) as soon as possible  4) parent teacher association  5) commanding officer  6) headquarters  7) temporary duty  8) meal ready to eat  9) peanut butter and jelly  10) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**Fact or Fiction**- 1) fact  2) fiction  3) fiction  4) fiction  5) fact  6) fact  7) fiction  8) fiction  9) fact  10) fact

**Learn the Pledge**- allegiance, flag, United States, America, republic, stands, nation, God indivisible, liberty, justice, all

**Military Hunt**- 1) Crispus Attucks  2) Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy  3) can move on land and sea  4) army-navy  5) meal ready to eat  6) 1945  7) United States government  8) reveille  9) ensign  10) November 11

**Military Timeline**- 1775-Army, Marine Corps  1789- Navy  1915- Coast Guard  1947 Air Force; 172 years

**Honor Crossword**- 1) happy  2) orders  3) Navy  4) ocean  5) retreat