

Gallery Activity Grades 8-12

Directions: Explore the exhibits to find the answers to these questions.

1. Enter the exhibits and look around the Early Mississippi History gallery.

What are the two main types of weapons in the exhibit cases?

- 1.
- 2.

2. Walk through the trench in the World War I gallery.

Read the exhibit panels about trench warfare. List positives and negatives soldiers faced.

Positives:

- 1.
- 2.

Negatives:

- 1.
- 2.

3. Enter the World War II gallery.

The United States military was preparing for World War II before the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. Include the name of the training exercise, location, and year in your answer.

Training Exercise Name:

Location:

Year:

4. Locate the Prisoners of War at Camp Shelby exhibit panel in the World War II gallery.

What types of opportunities could a German Prisoner of War find at Camp Shelby?

Circle all that apply:

Receive an education

Become an American Soldier

Free trip back to Germany

Play in a band

Play competitive soccer

Read a German language newspaper

5. Locate the large silver trophy in the World War II gallery.

What was Vera Anderson McDonald famous for on the home front during the war?

6. Enter the Halls of Honor. On the left of the room are Mississippians who have received the Medal of Honor, which is the United States Military's highest medal.

Choose one Medal of Honor recipient and read their official citation.

Who did you choose?

What did they do that would eventually lead to a Medal of Honor?

7. Locate the Strategic and Atomic Bombing of Japan exhibit panel in the World War II gallery.

What were the code names for the two atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945?

1.

2.

8. Find the Fallout Shelter at the entrance to the Korean War gallery.

List the names of two nuclear experiments conducted in Mississippi in the 1960s.

1.

2.

9. Explore the Korean War gallery.

Who was the first African American naval aviator and where was he from?

10. Locate the life-size soldier wearing winter field gear in the Korean War gallery.

What is unusual about the arctic mittens he is wearing?

11. Locate the full-size Huey Helicopter diorama in the Vietnam War gallery.

Medical evacuation by helicopter or MEDEVAC saved valuable _____ in providing medical aid, causing a dramatic improvement in survival rates over earlier conflicts.

12. Enter the Global War on Terrorism gallery.

What happened on September 11, 2001, and why is it significant to Americans?