



Albert Borella
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Year 2 to Year 6

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Lesson objective

To design a war bravery medal

National Curriculum Links

- History (symbols and awards)
- Visual Arts (create and display artworks to communicate ideas)

Key Fact

The Victoria Cross is the highest decoration that can be awarded to any serving members of the British and Commonwealth armed forces. It is the most honoured and coveted award, only given to those with courage and daring who have performed an act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty "in the face of the enemy."

Extension Activities

Research the design of the Victoria Cross and how it was created by Queen Victoria in 1856, and made retrospective to cover the Crimean War.

Discuss the meaning of the inscription "For Valour"

Students to research a recipient of the Victoria Cross, including their name, date of birth and some facts about them.

Task

Classroom discussion

- Different types of Military Medals for example the Victoria Cross, the Australian Defence Medal
- What do you have to do to earn a bravery award?
- The inscription and symbols on various awards and their meanings
- Information about why/how/when Albert Borella received his award. What other awards does he have? (information at www.theborellaride.com.au/about/victoria-cross)

Students to view pictures of war bravery medals, then design one of their own.

Give your medal a name and write a brief paragraph describing why it is to be awarded.

Think about your design and the meaning behind it i.e. colours, inscriptions and symbols.