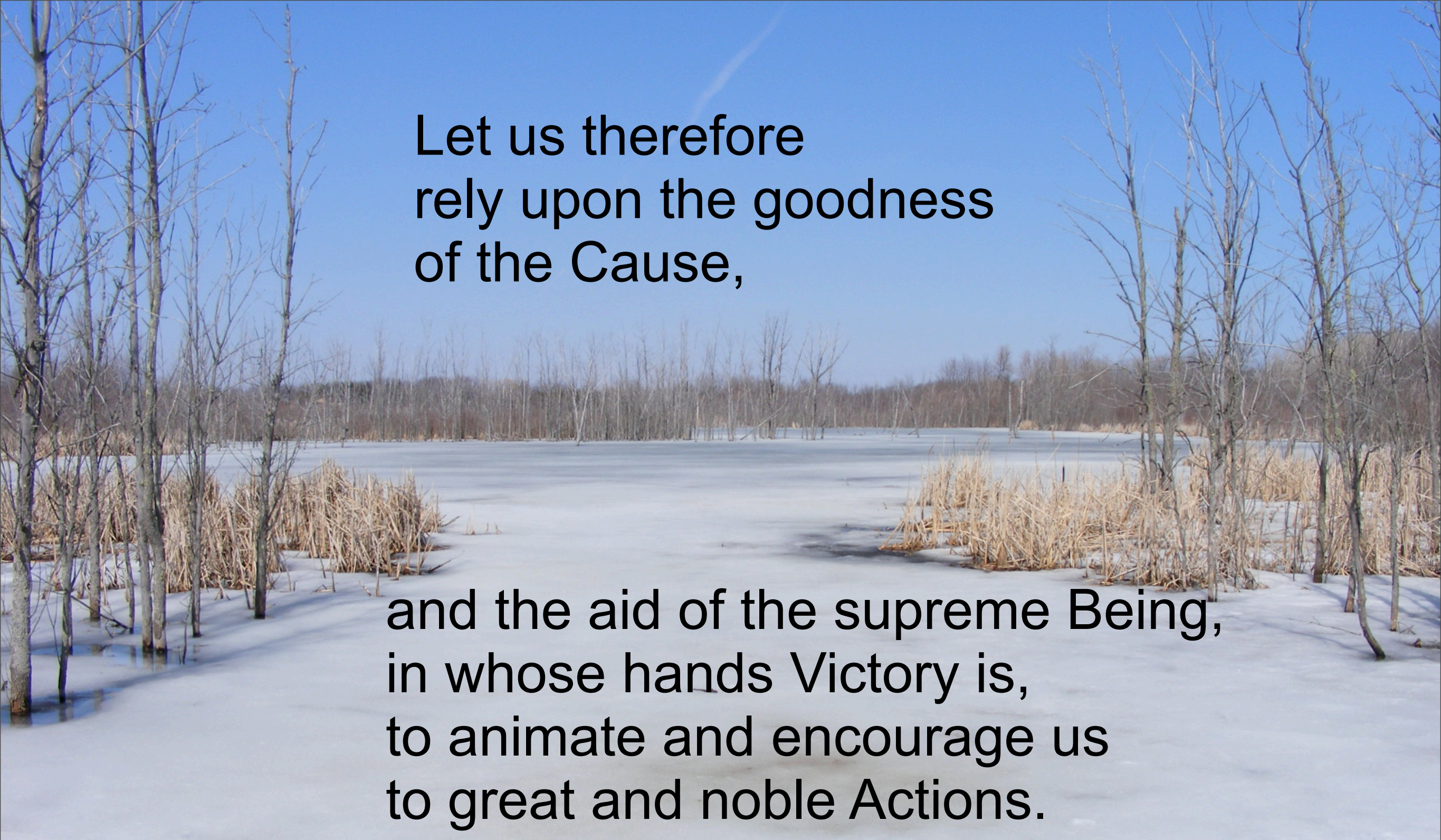
A photograph of a winter landscape. In the foreground, a body of water is frozen into a smooth, light blue-grey ice. Several bare, thin trees stand in the water, their branches reaching upwards. To the left and right, there are clumps of dry, yellowish-brown reeds or grasses. In the background, a dense line of bare trees stretches across the horizon under a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is cold and desolate.

We have therefore
to resolve
to conquer
or die:

Our won Country's Honor, all call upon us for vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole world.

A photograph of a winter landscape. In the foreground, there is a frozen body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river. The ice is a light blue-grey color. Several bare, thin trees stand in the water, their branches reaching upwards. In the middle ground, there are clumps of dry, yellowish-brown reeds or grasses protruding from the ice. The background is a line of bare trees under a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is quiet and cold.

Let us therefore
rely upon the goodness
of the Cause,

and the aid of the supreme Being,
in whose hands Victory is,
to animate and encourage us
to great and noble Actions.

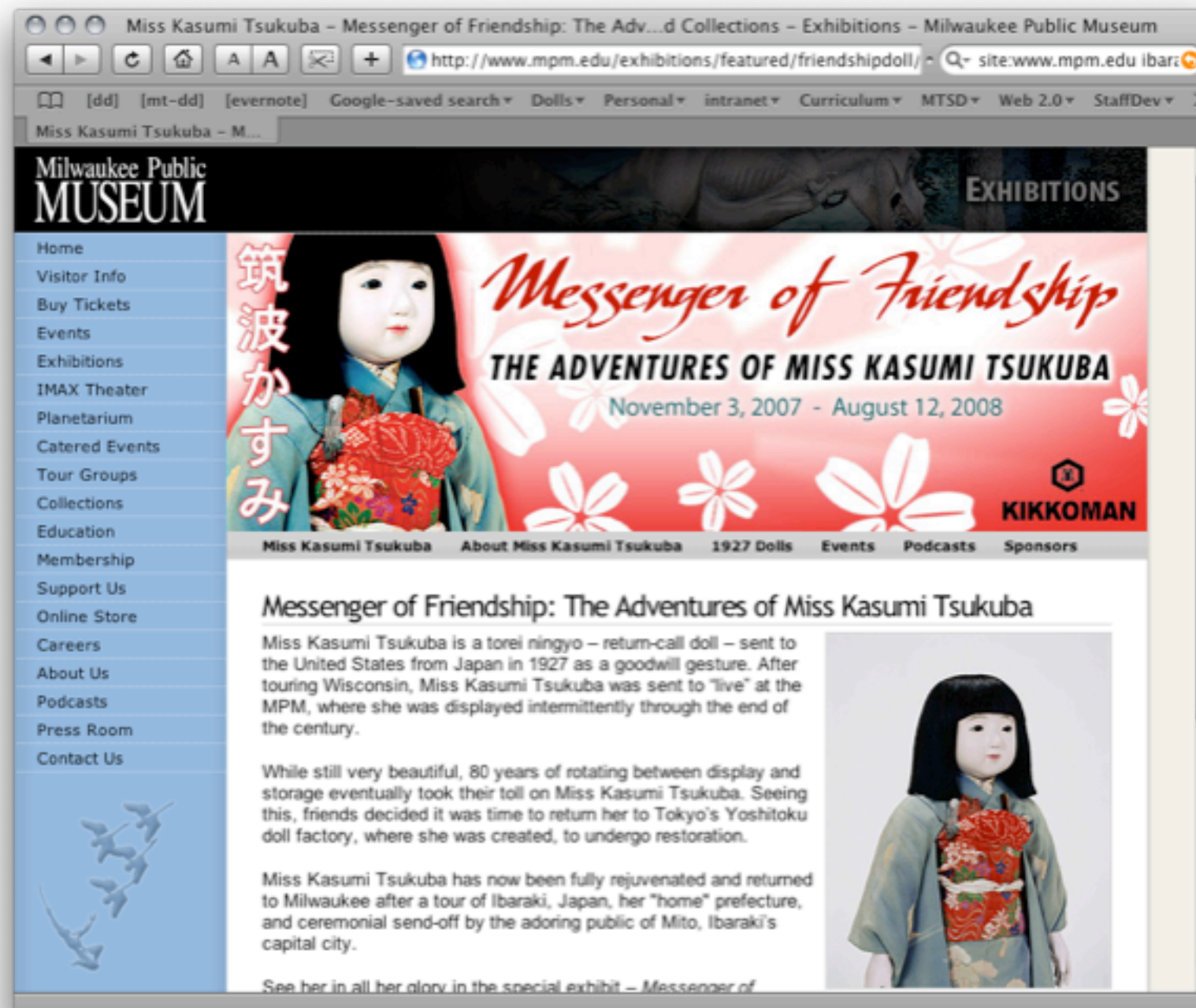
George Washington, General Orders, July 2, 1776

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Messenger of Friendship at the Milwaukee Public Museum

The Flag

A large American flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a clear blue sky. The flag is the central focus of the image, with its stars and stripes clearly visible. The flagpole is on the left side of the frame, and the flag extends towards the right. The background is a solid, light blue sky.

The flag stands for peace, honor, truth, justice and freedom. In the armed forces of the United States during the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle-fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out at the ceremony of reveille. The flag has been torn into strips and used as bandages for wounded combatants on the battlefield. It has been placed in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter. It has flown at half-mast to honor our military members.

The flag has fought in every battle of every war for more than two hundred years. It was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg and Shiloh. It was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, and the beaches of Normandy. It was waved at Okinawa, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and it is being waved right now in Afghanistan and Iraq. The flag has been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries that America has helped set free.

But, it remains invincible.

- Read at the Retreat Ceremony at USAF Basic Training (February 17, 2005), Lackland AFB

Overview

- Familiar landmarks in your community
- Why is it there?
- What else would you like to know?

Overview

- What answers would you like to discover?
- Tell the story
- Think outside of the building: community service

Integration: English Language Arts

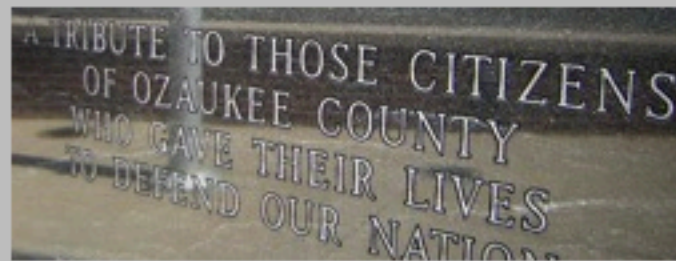
- Reading: research
- Writing: storytelling
- Oral communication: audio portion of podcast

Integration: Social Studies

- Standards: local / state / national
- Students as historians: Inquiry-based approach
- Primary source material: historical documents

Honoring Veterans

Ozaukee County



Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause...

Abraham Lincoln, 1863



Welcome

Welcome to our grade 7-podcast project! Last fall I visited with a number of students at Lake Shore Middle School about the topic of Veteran's Day. The question on the table was how do we best honor our growing number of veterans in our community while preserving the meaning of what it means to have served our country. The response from the students was overwhelming, and helped guide us to the direction of using a podcast as a way to highlight the great wealth of information available to us in Ozaukee County. Students felt that we should "tell the story" of local monuments as

The Story Continues...

- Local: Howard J. Schroeder Legion Post-Mequon, WI
- Veterans Memorials in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin
- A national collaborative, online project that connects veterans in your community with your students.

<http://honoring-veterans.wikispaces.com/>


Your students can join in

- Consider a project which connects students with veterans.
- Share it online (school website, YouTube, etc.)
- Add your project name to this list:

<http://honoring-veterans.wikispaces.com/share>

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With malice toward none;
with charity for all;
with firmness in the right,
as God gives us to see the right,
let us strive on to finish the work we are in...
- Abraham Lincoln