“Marine Corps Issue” Writing Activity

War has touched our lives in many ways, directly and indirectly. Select one of the following activities for your written response. If you would like to adapt one of the activities, please check with me. **DUE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Guidelines:** |
| * Length: Between 1-2 pages typed (12 pt. Times New Roman, double spaced) |
| More than one paragraph (but it doesn’t have to be a formal essay) |
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| * Do not use first person (I, me, my, us, our…) or second person (you, your) pronouns |
| unless you would like to adapt an activity (just talk to me first) |
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| * Proofread for spelling and punctuation |

**Activity 1: Real World Link**

*In your textbook, read “Vietnam Warfare Breeding Ground for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder” on pages 639-640. Answer the following questions:*

* In your own words, explain why guerrilla warfare led to PTSD more frequently than did conventional warfare.
* How did the treatment of Vietnam veterans differ from the treatment of veterans of World War II?
* Based on news reports, how does the situation facing veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan seem to compare to the situation facing veterans of earlier wars?

**Activity 2: Healing the Wounds**

*As illustrated in “Marine Corps Issue,” war has both physical and psychological effects. As veterans continue to return from the Middle East in the war against terror, America must learn from the past.*

* Describe what actions and measures can be taken to help Iraqi, Afghanistan or other war veterans like the narrator’s father in “Marine Corps Issue” assimilate back into civilian life.
* Describe how Americans can help to heal these physical and mental wounds of war.

**Activity 3: Children of 9-11**

*In light of the anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy, Americans remember the tragedy that befell this nation ten years ago.*

* Considering the secrets that Johnny’s father held from his father, what is the appropriate way to explain to young children tragedies like 9-11 and war?
* Describe how children can be helped to deal with the trauma and loss that they face after losing a parent to tragedies like 9-11 and war.