

WOMEN IN WAR *Teacher Resource***ACTIVITY 3: Nichola Goddard – A Case Study****Description:**

To help students craft letters that are rich with both facts and emotion students will study Nichola Goddard. Hearing Nichola Goddard's story from those who cared most for her will help the students give voice to the characters in their letters.

Materials:

- LCD projector and internet access
- Lyrics to “Highway of Heroes” by The Trews (below)
- Link to the Trews’ music video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrkgV5bl7kQ> (~3 mins)
- Link to “In the Words of a Soldier”:
 - PART 1 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHocWDxhQBo> (~15 mins)
 - PART 2 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1ib2LsfUyc> (~22 mins)

Procedure:

1. Watch and listen to “Highway of Heroes.” View lyrics provided below. Highway of Heroes", was co-written and co-produced by The Trews and Gordie Johnson (Big Sugar) and was inspired by the 2006 death of Captain Nichola Goddard from The Trews' hometown of Antigonish, NS.
2. Brief class discussion about themes in the song (Loss, sacrifice, patriotism...)
Why do people join the Military? Who is affected by these decisions?
3. Watch “In the Words of a Soldier” (40 mins)

Assessment: Each student will write a journal entry answering the following questions:

- a) Write a personal response to Nichola Goddard's story.
- b) How would you feel if someone you cared about decided to join the Canadian Forces?

"Highway Of Heroes" The Trews

The day I shipped out
They numbered a dozen
Upon my return
Were a hundred or so
From the coast and from the prairies
I bet they keep coming
Add one more name from Ontario

And carry me home down The Highway of Heroes
People above with their flags flying low
Carry me softly, down The Highway of Heroes
True Patriot Love
There was never more

I served with distinction
No visions of glory
I served without question
Or personal gain
Seek no justification
It's not part of my story
And it offers no comfort to the ones who remain

Just carry me home down The Highway of Heroes
People above with their flags flying low
Carry me softly, down The Highway of Heroes
True Patriot Love
There was never more

I took up my vocation
I was called by my nation
Without hesitation
My answer I gave
Now I am not wondering
The things that I might have been
I'm no consolation
To the forgotten brave

So carry me home down The Highway of Heroes
People above with their flags flying low
Carry me softly, down The Highway of Heroes
True Patriot Love
There was never more

Carry me home down The Highway of Heroes
People I love with their heads held low
Carry me softly, down The Highway of Heroes

True Patriot Love
There was never more (x6)