

LESSON PLANS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES

COMMANDER CHARLES “CHUCK” MAWER



LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Students will:
 - Reflect on heroism and evaluate an action deemed to be heroic
 - Exercise skills of creativity and judgement

ACTIVITIES:

- Watch the 5-minute Valour Canada video about Commander Charles “Chuck” Mawer (<https://valourcanada.ca/video-documentaries/commander-charles-chuck-mawer/>)
- Make a list of the reasons why Commander Mawer deserved official recognition. Discuss what it takes to be a truly monumental person.
- Research the different orders and decorations given to soldiers. A summary can be found here: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/medals-decorations/medal-type/4>
- Encourage students to complete one or both of the following assignments:
 - Think of a person who fits the criteria for one of the awards given to members in the Canadian Forces. The person you choose need not be a member of the military because you don't have to be a soldier in order to act with valour, self-sacrifice and bravery. Explain why this person fits the description of the order or decoration.
 - Create a new order or decoration that could be given to monumental citizens of Canada or the world. Create the criteria for the award and design a medal to go along with it.

Objectives:

Our Intention is to educate Canadian Citizens so that they:

- » *Appreciate the role of our military heritage in protecting Canadian interests, values and beliefs.*
- » *Understand the role our military history has had in shaping our country and the world.*
- » *Are inspired to be engaged and well-informed participatory citizens of Canada.*

Historical Era:

First World War (1914-1918)

Intended Student Body:

Grades 6 – 12

** Activity can easily be modified for most grades and ability levels.*



Distinguished Service Order medal
(Credit: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/medals-decorations/details/40>)

HMCS Haida in Hamilton, Ontario
(Credit: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:HMCS_Haida_Hamilton_Ontario_1.jpg)

RESOURCE REQUIRED:

- 5 Minute Mawer video: <https://valourcanada.ca/video-documentaries/commander-charles-chuck-mawer/>