



## Teacher's Notes: John McCain Dies

**General Tips:** The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

**Addressing problem solving:** Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved and choice making opportunities throughout the article.

**Page 1** There are two senators from every state. Arizona has two. One was John McCain. He had the job of senator for 30 years. He worked in AZ and D.C. where the White House is. **Point:** Your state, AZ, Washington D.C., U.S. flag, tie, jacket **Questions:** what is this man's name? Where is he from? How long was he the senator? **Connect:** Do you know any men with gray hair?

**Page 2:** John McCain was the senator. He got brain cancer. Your brain is in your head. He had a disease in his brain. You do not have this problem. I do not have this problem. McCain did. His problem was called brain cancer. He died because of that. He died on August 26<sup>th</sup>. **Point:** August, 26<sup>th</sup>, casket, flag, sun glasses. **Questions:** When did McCain die? What day of the week was that? What is the date today? What is a casket? Why is there a flag on it? **Connect:** Do you know anyone who has died?

**Page 3:** John McCain was a nice person. A lot of people liked him. Not everyone had the same political ideas, but most people respected him. **Point:** boy, head down, black suits, tie, hand on face **Questions:** What does respect mean? Why were people sad? What happened to McCain? **Connect:** Have you ever been sad? Why?

**Page 4:** McCain was a hero. He was famous in the Vietnam War. That war is over now. McCain became a hero because of what happened to him in the Vietnam War. He got a silver star. That is a big deal! He is a military hero. **Point:** Silver star medal, plane, sky, wheels **Connection:** Do you know any heroes?

**Page 5:** When McCain was in the navy there was a war in Vietnam. Vietnam is a country. It is in Asia. That war is over now. **Point:** Vietnam, US, war, guns, fire **Questions:** What is a war? What is Vietnam? **Connect:** What do you know about wars?

**Page 6:** When McCain was in the navy, he was flying a plane. It crashed in the water. He broke his arms and legs. **Point:** ocean, plane crashing **Questions:** **Connect:** Do you know anyone in the US Navy?

**Page 7:** He was taken prisoner by the Vietnamese soldiers. When other soldiers take someone in a war and put them in prison it is called POW. A prisoner of war. When McCain was a POW he was in a cell all by himself. He had no one to talk to for 2 years. They hit him. It was awful. What is a POW? Most people

in the navy are not POWs. That war is over now. **Questions:** What happened to McCain? Who hit him? Why? **Connect:** Is it ok to hit someone?

**Page 8:** Everyone was happy when McCain got out of prison in Vietnam. He was a hero. He even ran for president. He was up against Obama. Obama won. Even though he didn't win the election to be the president, he was a senator for AZ for a long time. **Point:** Obama, McCain, audience, microphone.

**Questions:** Is Obama the president now? Did McCain become president? **Connect:** Have you seen John McCain on TV? Obama?

**Page 9:** McCain is patriotic. He loved America. He had ideas for helping people in America. He got sick, and died. He was old. He was 81. He had brain cancer. **Point:** flag, McCain, hand on heart **Questions :** Why is he putting his hand on his heart? **Connect:** Do you know the Pledge of Allegiance?