



## Weekly Discussion Questions 11/11/2024

[Apple, Charles. "Further Review: Semper Fidelis." \*The Spokesman-Review\*, 10 November 2024, p. D7](#)

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 9-12

**Symbolism and Identity:** The words "Semper Fidelis" and "Marine Corps" evoke strong ideas of loyalty and identity. How might such symbols serve those who see or visit the memorial? Do you think they serve a purpose beyond simply honoring the past?

**Historical Significance:** Why do you think the image of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima became such a powerful and enduring symbol in American history? How does the monument capture the spirit of this moment?

**Role of Photography in History:** Joe Rosenthal's photograph of the flag-raising won a Pulitzer Prize and inspired the memorial. How does photography shape our memory of historical events, and what are the benefits and limitations of relying on a single photograph as a historical record?

### Classroom Discussion Question Grades 6-8

**Symbolism and Meaning:** The Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis," means "Always Faithful." Why do you think this phrase is important for the Marines? What do you think it means for people who visit the memorial?

**Historical Importance:** The image of Marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima became very famous. Why do you think this photo is still important today? How do you think the statue captures the feeling of that moment?

**Photography and Memory:** A photo of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima inspired this statue. How do photos help us remember important events? What might be some good and bad things about relying on a single photo to remember history?

## **Classroom Discussion Question Grades 1-5**

**Symbols and Meaning:** The Marine Corps has a saying, “Always Faithful.” Why do you think this saying might be important to Marines? What does it mean to be “faithful” or loyal to something?

**A Famous Moment:** The statue shows Marines raising a flag on Iwo Jima, a very famous moment from history. Why do you think people built a statue of this? How does the statue help us remember that moment?

**Remembering Through Pictures:** The statue was inspired by a picture of the flag-raising. How do you think photos help us remember things? What might be good or tricky about remembering an event from just one photo?