

Kids in Support of Soldiers

<http://www.kidsinsupportofsoldiers.com>

"Kids In Support of Soldiers was founded in April 2009 by four children who wanted to make a difference in the soldiers lives who are protecting our freedom, no matter what branch of service they are in or what state they are from. The children decided that once they had a soldier's name, that soldier would receive a package every month they are deployed. The children ask, in a letter in the first package the soldier receives, if there is anything special that the soldier would like in their next package. Once the soldier lets the children know what they would like in their next package, they personalize a package for that soldier every month. When the package goes out in the mail, the person who gave the children the name receives an email every time a package goes out to let the family know that another package is on the way to their loved one."

You heave a dramatic sigh. **Veteran's Day** – it came and went with absolutely no fanfare. In your heart, you wanted to honor heroes like your father, who is currently serving in the military. You know several fellow students at your school who also have relatives serving in the military. Mothers, fathers, relatives, teachers, neighbors...the list goes on. You are determined to rally your fellow scholars to support our troops!

You've received a \$300 donation from your generous grandparents to begin your own "Kids for Our Troops" project. As you search for bargains to purchase, you notice that Wally-Mart World is having a discount sale on items that have been requested by your father and his company. Your grandparents insist that you **estimate** the cost of your purchases before you buy them. Your list of purchases must include a minimum of **five** different items and be **as close** to **\$300** without going over your budget!


WORK HARD! On the next page are notes about prices that you recorded while at Wally-Mart World:

When you have finished your calculations, describe the choices you made in a written reflection:

<p>T-Shirts</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$15</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>40% OFF!</p>	<p>Jeans</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$36</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>25% OFF!</p>	<p>Boots</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$65</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>75% OFF!</p>	<p>Books</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$10</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>10% OFF!</p>
<p>Hand Sanitizer</p> <p>Wipes Box of 12</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$24</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>\$10 OFF!</p>	<p>Sandals</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$20</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>\$5 OFF!</p>	<p>Shorts</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$14</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>50% OFF!</p>	<p>Beef Jerky</p> <p>Packet of 15</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$20</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>\$4 OFF!</p>
<p>Chapstick Carton</p> <p>of 2 dozen</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$25</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>20% OFF!</p>	<p>Play Station 2</p> <p>Games</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$29</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>15% OFF!</p>	<p>DVDs</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$20</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>\$3 OFF!</p>	<p>Boxes of Oreolio</p> <p>Cookies 10 count</p> <p>Regular Price</p> <p>\$25</p> <p>NOW</p> <p>10% OFF!</p>

1. How did your estimations help you in determining the items you would?

2. What criteria did you use to justify your choices?



3. What strategy did you use when you were shopping?

4. Was it helpful to know how much money you already spent and what you had left to spend while you were choosing the items? Why or why not?

Marching On Group: Find items you want to purchase for the troops in real newspaper ads. Cut out the picture of the item, including the price, and place all of the pictures on a blank sheet of paper. Figure out the price you will pay for each item, including sales tax at the rate of your city. Show your work. You may use a calculator, but show your steps. You must still remain within the \$300 budget, but justify your choices.

World Peace Group: Complete the performance task. Then answer, *“What real life fund raising project would you create in your school or neighborhood to raise money for our heroes at war through the “Kids in Support of Soldiers” program?”*