

# Anna & Natalie

## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

### TWIST AND SHOUT

*Anna & Natalie* has a surprise, or *twist*, ending. Write a story or draw a comic strip about an ordinary day at school that has a surprising ending.



### CELEBRATION WREATH

Materials: different colors of construction paper, glue, scissors, pencil, markers

1. Have each child trace a handprint on construction paper. Cut them out. (Younger children may need help tracing and cutting.)
2. On their hands, have children write one thing that makes them special. Let them decorate the hands.
3. Glue the hands together (fingers facing out) to make a wreath to display. For a more stable wreath, glue hands onto a backing of poster board or a paper plate.

### 24/7

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has been guarded 24 hours a day since 1937. How many years is that? Bonus question: How many hours was the tomb guarded in February 2008? What information do you need in order to figure this out?



### GIVING THANKS

Materials: paper, markers, stickers (optional), one large envelope

Make cards or write letters for US veterans. Mark cards with students' first names and the school's name and send them in one large envelope to:

Thank a Veteran  
c/o Penny Alfonso  
1970 Rangeview Drive  
Glendale, CA 91201

For specific guidelines, visit:  
[www.operationgratitude.com/letters-to-heroes](http://www.operationgratitude.com/letters-to-heroes)

### DOGS OF WAR

Use the back of the book or the internet to find out more about war dogs. What kinds of dogs are used in war? What do they do? What special training do they need? Make a brochure or a poster to show your findings.

