

Name:

Day One

Puerto Rican Veterans

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Do veterans from Puerto Rico get respect? Read silently.

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Sources: "Puerto Rican vets launch Mass. Monument campaign," *Boston Globe*, November 25, 2010.

"The war inside," *AARP Viva*, May, 2008.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

How have Puerto Ricans served their country?

Why do people want to build a monument for Puerto Rican veterans?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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