

Pre-Field Trip Student Worksheet

1. *List 5 essential items you'd pack for a 3-month submarine mission in 1944 (no smartphones allowed!). Explain your choices.*

2. *Submarines hid like hunters; destroyers protected like guard dogs. Which strategy sounds more effective to you? Why?*

3. *List 3 things you wonder about life aboard these ships. We'll find answers during our tour!*

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4. *Did you know every U.S. Navy submarine carries a name with pride—and a story? From the first sub Holland (named for its inventor) to today's state-named nuclear submarines, these underwater warriors get their identities through special traditions. Early subs were called after fierce sea creatures like Shark and Viper, while modern ones honor cities, states, and American heroes. Sailors even wear patches celebrating their boat's unique history!*

Now it's your turn: If YOU could name and design a patch for a new submarine, what would you choose? Pick a name that follows Navy traditions (like a city, state, or sea creature) and create a patch that tells its story—just like real submariners do!

Examples:



5. *Before WWII, many people believed women couldn't do 'men's work' like fixing engines, flying planes, or operating radios. But the war changed everything. If you were a woman in 1943, what surprising job could you suddenly do for the military? How do you think this changed what society believed women were capable of?*



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