Lesson Plan

**Level 1: Contributions Approach**

1. Activate prior experience: What do you know about Tom Waddell, the Gay Olympic athlete, physician, and paratrooper?
2. Read the biographical information found at this link: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Waddell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Waddell)
3. Describe how Waddell lived “An All American Family” in this link: [http://moviesecter.net/AnAllAmericanFamily.html](http://moviesecter.net/AnAllAmericanFamily.html)

**Level 2: Additive Approach**

1. Based upon his strong conviction, Waddell protested his belief against the Vietnam War. Investigate how his belief for justice became a motivating factor in other choices that he made in his life. Examine the following biography at [http://www.browsebiography.com/bio-tom_waddell.html](http://www.browsebiography.com/bio-tom_waddell.html)
2. Connect Waddell’s activism to others during this time period in the U.S.
3. How did Waddell become an alternative role model for younger homosexuals? Read the report in [http://www.people.com/people/archive/article/0,,20066975,00.html](http://www.people.com/people/archive/article/0,,20066975,00.html)
4. Website Investigation: Describe the attributes that Waddell shared in common with other role models in athletics or medicine from The Legacy Project at [http://www.legacyprojectchicago.org/Athletics.html](http://www.legacyprojectchicago.org/Athletics.html) and [http://www.legacyprojectchicago.org/Medicine.html](http://www.legacyprojectchicago.org/Medicine.html)

**Level 3: Transformational Approach**

3. How did Waddell’s become a model for transforming himself into a strong role model for others? Examine the following: [http://www.glbtq.com/arts/waddell_t.html](http://www.glbtq.com/arts/waddell_t.html)

**Level 4: Social Action Approach**

2. View the Tom Waddell tribute, Gay Games IV, New York at this link: View this link at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbskJZrCo8Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbskJZrCo8Y)
3. Waddell was a “teacher” in so many ways as described in the following: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erCzsZqfl4wQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erCzsZqfl4wQ)

Describe how you can be a teacher for our society?