

Letter to the Editor

Iwo Jima and the Struggle for Historical Truth

Dr. Robertson,
I definitely found your recent article in *Social Education* very interesting [May/June 2023]. I agree students must realize that historical truth is indeed a struggle. Over the course of 36 years of teaching U.S. History, I updated information many times. After rereading your excellent article, I felt the need to ask why you didn't mention the first flag raising on Iwo Jima—with a smaller flag? I feel strongly this is part of the overall story of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

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Breanne Robertson responds:

Thank you so much for your kind words about my essay. And yes, I agree that the first flag raising is a major part of the story. Unfortunately, my article in *Social Education* already exceeded the maximum word count, so I was forced to cut this information.

This was a tough decision, as you may imagine, but I felt confident that the link to my edited volume *Investigating Iwo: The Flag Raisings in Myth, Memory, and Esprit de Corps* [www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GOVPUB-D214-PURL-gpo128467/pdf/GOVPUB-D214-PURL-gpo128467.pdf] would provide a comprehensive history for those who wanted to know more. It is a free e-book, available for download through the Government Printing Office as well as the Marine Corps History Division. If you haven't already done so, please check it out!

—Breanne Robertson
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