



# DESTROYER ESCORT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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### Destroyer Escorts of Taffy 3

### Accompanying Questions

*This article contains graphic language and depictions of war,  
please consider this before assigning to students.*

1. Why do you think Destroyer Escorts were so effective at combating the Japanese? What strategies / capabilities made them so destructive?
2. Using your knowledge of WWII and the information you learned in the reading, how would an American defeat potentially impact the war?
3. How did Admiral Halsey's decision to go North effect the American defenses at Leyte? Would the outcome of the battle been different if he had not?
4. Each ship in Taffy 3 fought heroically to defend the carriers and carry out their mission. Why is the USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS highlighted as being the most heroic? Is there a more deserving ship in your opinion?
5. What were the nicknames for escort carriers? Why do you think they were called this?
6. The Japanese center force commander was Admiral Kurita. What was his mission in late October?
7. How many ships made up Taffy 3 and what was their mission?
8. The text implies that Taffy 3 was not favored to win against the Japanese fleet. What evidence is presented to support this argument? Do you agree with the author?
9. Destroyer Escorts have a reputation of being cheaply built. How did this help the ships within the Battle of Leyte Gulf?
10. What is the intention of the quote in the last paragraph? What emotions does it invoke upon the reader?