

MEMORIAL DAY

READING COMPREHENSION!

Name: _____

Memorial Day L1



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1) What is Memorial Day a day to do?

☐ put ornaments on a Christmas tree	☐ remember soldiers who passed away
☐ carve pumpkins	☐ look for eggs

2) Who do people thank on Memorial Day?

☐ kind veterinarians	☐ volunteer firefighters
☐ soldiers who passed away	☐ teachers who worked very hard

3) When is Memorial Day observed?

☐ first Monday in May	☐ last Monday in May
☐ 4 th of July	☐ November 11 th



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Memorial Day L2



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1) Where do many people go on Memorial Day?

- ☐ the zoo ☐ the beach
☐ the mall ☐ the cemetery

2) What do people place on graves?

- ☐ flowers and flags ☐ toys and books
☐ food and drinks ☐ crayons and paper

3) Why do people place these things on graves?

- ☐ to play games ☐ to invite animals
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- ☐ at cemeteries and in yards ☐ at the zoo and in oceans
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- ☐ food ☐ music
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Some towns have Memorial Day parades. People march in the streets with flags and music. Veterans and soldiers are often in the parade. Many people come to watch and clap for the military service members.

1) What do some towns have on Memorial Day?

- ☐ soccer games ☐ carnivals
☐ parades ☐ baking contests

2) Who is often in the parade?

- ☐ farmers and florists ☐ veterans and soldiers
☐ zookeepers ☐ librarians

3) What do people do when they watch the parade?

- ☐ sleep ☐ swim
☐ clap ☐ cook

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1) What happens at 3:00 on Memorial Day?

- ☐ lunch time ☐ a firework display
☐ a National Moment of Remembrance ☐ the start of school

2) What do people do during this time?

- ☐ run fast ☐ dance in a circle
☐ stay quiet ☐ sing loudly

3) How long is the moment of remembrance?

- ☐ one minute ☐ one hour
☐ ten minutes ☐ all day

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The First Memorial Day

The first Memorial Day was many years ago after the Civil War. People decorated soldiers' graves with flowers. That is why Memorial Day was first called Decoration Day. Today, people still place flowers on graves.

1) What was Memorial Day first called?

- ☐ Flower Day ☐ Soldier Day
☐ Decoration Day ☐ Flag Day

2) What did people put on graves?

- ☐ candy ☐ flowers
☐ books ☐ shoes

3) When was the first Memorial Day?

- ☐ after the Civil War ☐ after World War II
☐ after 2001 ☐ last year

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Veterans and Soldiers

Memorial Day is different from Veterans Day. Memorial Day honors soldiers who passed away while serving. Veterans Day honors all people who served in the military. Both holidays thank people for their service.

1) Memorial Day honors soldiers who did what?

2) What does Veterans Day honor?

3) Both of these holidays do what?

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Memorial Day Weekend

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Thanking Military Families

Memorial Day can be a hard day for military families. They remember loved ones who passed away while serving. Some people send cards or say thank you to these families. It is a way to show kindness and respect.

1) Memorial Day can be hard for who?

2) Which loved ones do families remember?

3) What is one way people show kindness?

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Students can practice critical thinking and deductive reasoning to make meaning of the text!

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Answer keys included for quick and easy assessment!

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DIFFERENTIATED ACTIVITIES

MAY BUNDLE!

Name: Daisy

Hasan Minhaj
Hasan is an Indian American comedian, actor, producer, commentator, writer, and In 2017, he was the featured speaker at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. He won 2 Peabody Awards for his work.

1) When did he speak at the WHC Dinner?
☐ 2016 ☐ 2018
☐ 2019 ☒ 2017

2) What awards has he won?
☒ Peabody Awards
☐ Grammy Awards

3) Which of these vegetables does he like?
☐ producing
☒ dog training

Name: Matthew

Color and Trace!
Directions: Color the picture and trace word.

Paddle
like a sea turtle

Dance

BINGO

safari

DIFFERENTIATED READING COMPREHENSION

READING COMP BUNDLE!

Name: Tyrene

Sioux
The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains. They moved around from place to place following the buffalo. They lived in teepees that could be taken down and set up quickly. They got most of their food from hunting bison, deer, and elk.

1) Where did the Sioux live?
☐ Southeast America ☒ Northern Great Plains
☐ Mexico ☐ Southwest America

2) Which animal did they follow?
☐ giraffe ☐ bird
☐ rat ☒ buffalo

3) Which animals did they hunt?
☐ bison ☐ deer
☐ elk ☒ all of these

Name: Samira

Maya Lin
Maya won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Her design was a black granite wall with the names of fallen soldiers. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

1) What contest did Maya win?
She won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

2) Who gave her an award?
President Barack Obama gave her an award

3) What was her design?
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