

# MEMORIAL DAY

## Reading Comprehension

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**INTRODUCTION AND GRATITUDE**

Memorial Day is a federal day observed in the United States to honor and remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. It is a day for reflection, gratitude, and remembrance of the sacrifices made by those who bravely defended their country.

**MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY**

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, makes its roots back to the aftermath of the American Civil War. On the days following the war, communities across the country began holding ceremonies to honor and decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. Over time, these local observances evolved into what is now known as Memorial Day, officially recognized as a Federal holiday in 1971.

**TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS**

On Memorial Day, many communities hold parades, ceremonies, and memorial services. These include the Polar Bear Plunge, Parades, Picnics, and Memorial Day Picnics. People often take a moment of silence or lay flowers at the grave of their personal hero or also common to observe a moment of silence at 3pm local time as a mark of respect.

**HONORING VETERANS**

Memorial Day is not solely dedicated to the fallen of warfare. In fact, many towns and cities hold events to honor veterans of all wars. It is a chance for communities and supporters to thank and support their country.

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**WHAT IS MEMORIAL DAY?**

Memorial Day is a Federal holiday in the United States. It is a day to honor and remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

**WHO IS HONORED?**

Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

**WHY IS IT KNOWN AS MEMORIAL DAY?**

Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

**WHEN IS IT CELEBRATED?**

Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

**READING COMPREHENSION  
MCQ'S  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY**

## READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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### TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

On Memorial Day, many communities hold parades, ceremonies, and memorial services to pay tribute to fallen service members. People visit cemeteries and memorials to place flowers, flags, and other tokens of remembrance on the graves of military personnel. It is also common to observe a moment of silence at 3:00 PM local time as a mark of respect.



### HONORING VETERANS

Memorial Day is not only a time to remember those who have died in service but also an opportunity to honor all veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Many communities host events to recognize and thank living veterans for their service and sacrifice. It is a chance for people to express their appreciation and support for those who have served their country.

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### REFLECTION AND GRATITUDE

As we observe Memorial Day, it is important to take a moment to reflect on the freedoms and liberties that we enjoy because of the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform. We express our deepest gratitude to those who gave their lives in defense of our nation and to their families who bear the burden of their loss. Their courage and selflessness will never be forgotten.



### CONCLUSION

Memorial Day serves as a solemn reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made by countless individuals in service to their country. It is a day to honor their memory, to express our gratitude, and to reaffirm our commitment to upholding the values for which they fought and died. As we gather with family and friends on this day, let us pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

## READING COMPREHENSION

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### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is Memorial Day originally known as?
2. How do communities honor fallen soldiers on Memorial Day?
3. What is observed at 10:00 AM on Memorial Day?
4. Besides honoring fallen soldiers, what else is done on Memorial Day?
5. What is the significance of the moment of silence?

### ANSWER KEY

MCQ's

1. a) To honor and remember those who died while serving in the U.S. military.
2. b) Decoration Day
3. c) 1968
4. d) 1971
5. a) Placing Flowers and Flags on the graves of fallen soldiers
6. b) Mourning parades, and National Moment of Remembrance
7. c) It is a time for reflection and remembrance.
8. d) The sacrifices made for the country to continue to be free.
9. e) Honoring the memory of fallen service members
10. f) Silence and reverence

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Memorial Day is originally known as Decoration Day.
2. Communities honor fallen soldiers by holding parades, ceremonies, and memorial services, and by placing flowers, flags, and tokens of remembrance on their graves.
3. A moment of silence is observed at 10:00 AM (local time) on Memorial Day.
4. Memorial Day is also an opportunity to honor all veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.
5. The significance of Memorial Day is to honor the memory of fallen service members and to express gratitude for their sacrifices.

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## MEMORIAL DAY

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. What is the primary purpose of Memorial Day?

- a) To celebrate the achievements of military personnel
- b) To honor and remember those who died while serving in the U.S. military
- c) To commemorate the end of wars
- d) To recognize living veterans for their service

2. What was Memorial Day originally known as?

- a) Veterans Day
- b) Independence Day
- c) Decoration Day
- d) Patriot Day

3. When did Memorial Day become a federal holiday in the United States?

- a) 1776
- b) 1918
- c) 1971
- d) 2001

4. What is a common tradition observed on Memorial Day?

- a) Holding barbecues and picnics
- b) Going to the beach
- c) Placing Flowers and Flags on the graves of fallen soldiers
- d) Watching fireworks displays

5. At what time is it common to observe a moment of silence on Memorial Day?

- a) 10:00 AM
- b) 2:00 PM
- c) 4:00 PM
- d) 5:00 PM

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QUESTIONS

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

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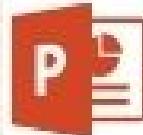


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