

MEMORIAL DAY

Reading Comprehension

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**READING COMPREHENSION
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READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a special 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 time for reflection, gratitude, and remembrance of the sacrifices made by those who bravely defended their country.



ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, traces its roots back to the aftermath of the American Civil War. In the years 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 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

COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED

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 3:00 PM on Memorial Day?
4. Besides honoring fallen soldiers on Memorial Day?
5. What is the significance of the moment of silence observed on Memorial Day?

5. What is one way communities honor Memorial Day?

- a) By organizing parades and ceremonies
- b) By going out for food and drinks
- c) By hosting concerts
- d) By organizing sports events

6. What is the significance of the moment observed on Memorial Day?

- a) It marks the official start of summer
- b) It is a time to remember loved ones who have passed away
- c) It honors the fallen service members
- d) It is a time for relaxation and reflection

8. What does Memorial Day serve as a reminder for?

- a) The achievements of military personnel
- b) The sacrifices made by individuals in service to their country
- c) The importance of respecting the law
- d) The need for more wars

9. What expression of gratitude is made on Memorial Day?

- a) Giving gifts to friends
- b) Sending cards to family members
- c) Honoring the memory of fallen service members
- d) Planting flowers

10. What is the overall tone of the passage?

- a) Celebratory
- b) Somber and reflective
- c) Informative
- d) Critical

ANSWER KEY

MCQ'S

1. a) To honor and remember those who died while serving in the U.S. military
2. a) Decoration Day
3. a) 3:00 PM
4. c) Placing flowers and flags on the graves of fallen soldiers
5. a) It is a time for reflection and gratitude.
6. b) It is a time for reflection and gratitude.
7. b) The sacrifices made by individuals in service to their country
8. c) Honoring the memory of fallen service members
9. b) Sending cards to family members
10. b) Somber and reflective

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Memorial Day is originally known as Decoration Day.
2. Communities honor fallen soldiers by having 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 3:00 PM 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) 1958
- c) 1971
- d) 2001

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

- a) Hosting 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) 12:00 PM
- b) 2:00 PM
- c) 3:00 PM
- d) 5:00 PM

ANSWER KEY INCLUDED

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