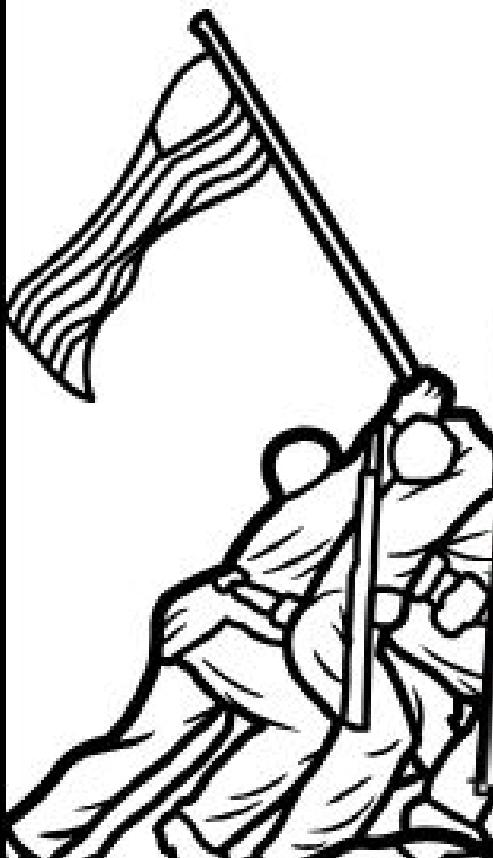


HOW MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED

Reading Comprehension

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MEMORIAL DAY AT HALF-STAFF

HOW MEMORIAL DAY IS CELEBRATED

Memorial Day is a solemn and somber day observed annually in the United States to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives serving in the nation's armed forces. The observance of Memorial Day is marked by various traditions and ceremonies that allow Americans to pay their respects, reflect on the sacrifice of our fallen service members, and honor their legacy. Let's explore how Memorial Day is observed across the country.

VISITING CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS

One of the most common ways to observe Memorial Day is by visiting cemeteries and national military shrines to pay their respects. Many Americans take the time to decorate gravesites with flags. However, one might also lay a wreath or participate in a remembrance ceremony, which often includes a moment of silence and a bugle call.

PARTICIPATING IN PARADES AND CEREMONIES

Communities across the country celebrate Memorial Day with parades and other events. These can include a variety of activities such as marching bands, floats, and speeches. Some communities even host their own parades while paying homage to the fallen.

AY IS OBSERVED

MEMORIAL DAY is observed on the last Monday in May. This means that Memorial Day falls on different dates each year, ranging from May 29 to June 3.

During Memorial Day, many Americans take time to remember and honor those who have given their lives for their country. They may visit cemeteries, attend parades, or participate in other commemorative events. It is a day to reflect on the sacrifices made by our military personnel and their families.

Many Americans also use Memorial Day as an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, or to go on a vacation. It is a time to appreciate the freedoms we have in this country and to be grateful for the men and women who have served our country.

**READING COMPREHENSION
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QUESTIONS
ANSWER KEY**

READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

HOW MEMORIAL DAY IS CELEBRATED

Memorial Day is a solemn occasion observed annually in the United States to honor the brave men and women who have died while serving in the nation's armed forces. The observance of Memorial Day is marked by various traditions and ceremonies that allow Americans to pay their respects, reflect on the sacrifices of the fallen, and remember their legacy. Let's explore how Memorial Day is observed across the country.



VISITING CEMETERIES AND MEMORIALS

One of the most common ways to observe Memorial Day is by visiting cemeteries and memorials to pay tribute to the fallen. Many people take the time to decorate gravesites with flags, flowers, and wreaths as a sign of respect and remembrance. Veterans' cemeteries, war memorials, and monuments become focal points for commemorative gatherings and ceremonies.



PARTICIPATING IN PARADES AND CEREMONIES

Communities across the nation organize Memorial Day parades and ceremonies to honor the sacrifices of military personnel. These events often feature marching bands, color guards, veterans' organizations, and patriotic displays. Parades provide an opportunity for the community to come together and show support for veterans and their families while paying homage to the fallen.

READING COMPREHENSION

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FLYING THE FLAG AT HALF-STAFF

On Memorial Day, the United States flag is flown at half-staff until noon as a solemn gesture of mourning for the fallen. At noon, the flag is raised to full-staff, symbolizing the nation's resolve to honor the memory of the fallen and continue the fight for freedom. Many individuals and organizations also display flags at their homes, businesses, and public spaces as a sign of respect.



MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

At 3:00 PM local time on Memorial Day, Americans are encouraged to observe a moment of remembrance to honor the sacrifices of the fallen. This moment of silence provides an opportunity for reflection and reverence, allowing individuals to pause and pay their respects in their own way.

SUPPORTING VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Memorial Day is also a time to support veterans and military families who have lost loved ones in service to their country. Many organizations and communities offer support services, financial assistance, and emotional support to veterans and their families. Donating to veterans' charities, volunteering at VA hospitals, and reaching out to military families are meaningful ways to show support and gratitude.

CONCLUSION

Memorial Day is a time-honored tradition that allows Americans to come together to honor, reflect, and remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. By observing Memorial Day with reverence and respect, we ensure that the memory of the fallen lives on and that their legacy of courage and sacrifice is never forgotten.

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HOW MEMORIAL DAY IS OBSERVED

DIRECTIONS-CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the primary purpose of Memorial Day as mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Celebrating national achievements
- (b) Honoring the sacrifices of fallen military personnel
- (c) Holding festive parties
- (d) Promoting political agendas

2. What is one common way to observe Memorial Day mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Having barbecue parties
- (b) Visiting cemeteries and memorials
- (c) Shopping for discounts at stores
- (d) Watching sports events

3. Why is the United States Flag Flown at half-staff on Memorial Day until noon?

- (a) To signify victory in war
- (b) To honor the memory of the fallen
- (c) To promote national pride
- (d) To celebrate political achievements

4. What time are Americans encouraged to observe a moment of remembrance on Memorial Day?

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

5. What is the purpose of participating in Memorial Day parades and ceremonies?

- (a) To promote commercial activities
- (b) To honor the sacrifices of military personnel
- (c) To engage in political debates
- (d) To showcase personal achievements

ANSWER KEY

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1. (b) Honoring the sacrifices of fallen military personnel
2. (b) Keeping cemeteries and memorials
3. (b) To honor the memory of the fallen
4. (b) To honor the sacrifices of military personnel
5. (b) Observing a moment of remembrance
6. (b) By participating in parades with flags, flowers, and wreaths
7. (b) By participating in parades with flags, flowers, and wreaths
8. (b) To provide personal services, financial contributions, and emotional support
9. (b) As a time-honored tradition, to honor, reflect, and remember

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. The United States Flag is flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.
2. Americans are encouraged to observe a moment of remembrance at 12:00 PM, half-time on Memorial Day.
3. One common way to pay tribute to the fallen on Memorial Day is by holding neighborhood BBQ's.
4. The purpose of participating in Memorial Day parades and ceremonies is to honor the sacrifices of military personnel.
5. Observing a moment of remembrance at both the local level on Memorial Day requires honoring the sacrifice of the fallen.



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QUESTIONS**

**ANSWER KEY
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