

# Kid Scoop

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# VETERANS DAY

From the mid-1950s through 1975, nearly 3 million Americans served in the Vietnam War. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. permanently displays the names of the 58,195 men and women who gave their \_\_\_\_\_ in service to our country.

Sometimes called "The Wall," the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a very \_\_\_\_\_ monument. It is a place for friends, family members and people from around the country and the world to \_\_\_\_\_ to remember the sacrifice of those who died.

Many visitors use paper and a \_\_\_\_\_ or chalk to make rubbings of some of the names as a keepsake and reminder of their \_\_\_\_\_ to the memorial.

Replace these words missing from the article.  
**GATHER VISIT LIVES THINKING PENCIL POWERFUL**



Photo by Hu Toiya

The Memorial was designed by a Yale University student named Maya Ying Lin.

### See 'The Wall'

Can't travel to Washington, D.C. to see the wall? There is a traveling replica of The Wall that visits cities across America throughout the year. You can see the schedule at [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) to find out where it can be seen.

The replica is 80% the size of the actual Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but it includes every one of the names.

This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Wall. Special events will be held in Washington, D.C.



Photo courtesy VFW Post 1943

**Standards Link:** Civics: Students know how Veterans Day reflects the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans.



Circle the two identical Huey helicopters.

### Unexpected

When Maya Ying Lin's design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was first selected, some people were upset by the unusual monument.

But over time, The Wall has become one of the most powerful and beloved tributes in America, visited by over three million people each year.

People were used to seeing statues of men on horseback and other powerful tributes to military heroes. Maya Ying Lin's design was unlike any other monument and not at all what people expected.

### How to Create a Rubbing

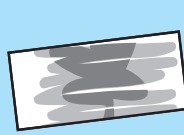
Many people make rubbings at The Wall.



Place a piece of paper over an object.



Scribble back and forth gently with a pencil.



You can make rubbings of plaques, leaves and more. Create a whole book of the rubbings you create as a keepsake.

### Let's Talk

Ask a parent about a time they changed their opinion about something.

### Extra! Extra!

#### Memory Page

Create a page so that in the future you can remember your life today. Look through the newspaper and select pictures and words that describe you and your life today. Use these to decorate a page all about you!

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you pick three stars that add up to exactly 100?

48	82	2	25	10	69	66
76	98	18	16	39	19	94
23	11	90	17	52	99	3

HINT: There is more than one answer.

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Calculate sums to 100.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S	P	E	C	W	O	R	L	D	E
A	Y	A	M	D	I	P	A	I	K
Y	V	E	T	E	R	A	N	S	A
L	I	H	V	V	E	P	A	P	S
C	E	N	U	R	T	E	M	L	P
H	T	I	G	E	E	R	E	A	E
A	N	L	R	S	Y	A	S	Y	E
L	A	I	R	O	M	E	M	N	K
K	M	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	S

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Heroes

Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and articles about heroes, past and present. Make a "Heroes" poster. Tell the reason why each person is considered a hero.

**Standards Link:** Civics: Understand how participation in civic responsibilities helps preserve democracy.

### Have you thanked a veteran today?

On the 11th month, the 11th day, at the 11th hour, take a moment to stop for two minutes and remember those who served.

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