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HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE ALL

MEMORIAL DAY

Draw and color the American flag here.

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

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally a day to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

It had a different name to begin with. To find out what Memorial Day was originally called, circle every third letter on the flagpole. The first one is done for you. Write the letters on the lines below.

D _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Replace the missing words.

REMEMBER FLOWERS MILITARY NOON SLOWLY FLAGS RAISED

The last Monday in May was chosen for the holiday since this is the time that most _____ are in bloom. In many places, flowers are used to decorate the graves of fallen service men and women. In other cemeteries, American _____ are placed on gravesites.

Memorial Day should not be confused with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day to _____ and honor those who died while serving their country. Veterans Day celebrates those who served in the _____.

On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag is _____ to full staff and then _____ lowered to half-staff, where it will remain until noon. It is raised at _____ to show that the sacrifice of lives was not in vain and that we will continue to fight for liberty and justice for all.

Annual Tradition

Every year, Memorial Day is observed at Arlington National Cemetery with the president or vice-president laying a wreath at the:

T□MB □F TH□
□NKN□WN
S□LD□□R

Replace the missing vowels to reveal this honored location.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Photo: National Park Service

USS Arizona Memorial

The **USS Arizona Memorial** is the final resting place for many of the ship's 1,177 crewmen who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941. The 184-foot-long Memorial structure is above the mid-portion of the sunken battleship which still rests below the water's surface. The names of those killed are engraved on a marble wall.

Where is the USS Arizona Memorial located? Circle every third letter to find out.

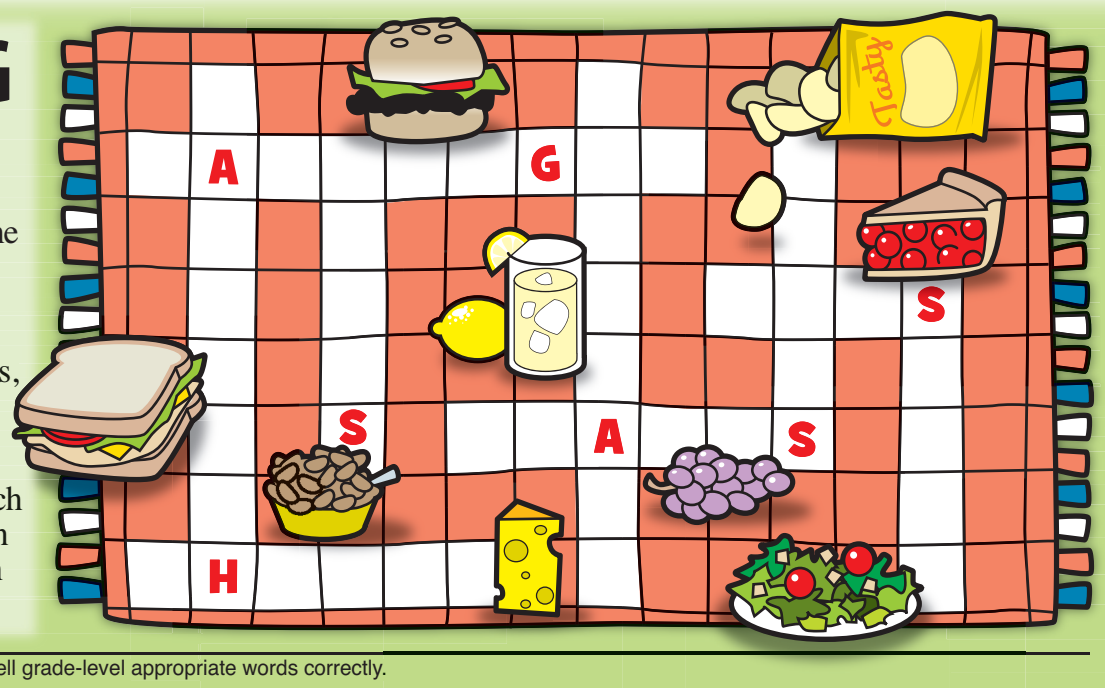
RTHNLADRW
XPAYNIPLI

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

PUZZLING PICNIC

Memorial Day weekend is seen as the start of the summer vacation season. Many people spend the weekend outdoors, enjoying barbecues and picnics.

Write the name of each picnic food shown in the correct boxes on this picnic blanket.



Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Extra! Extra!

Design a Memorial Day Flag!

Use pictures and words cut from the newspaper to design your own Memorial Day flag. Display your flag in your classroom or in a window at home.

Standards Link: Visual Art: Know how subject matter, symbols and ideas are used to communicate meaning.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do you see four American flags here? Look again. Only one of them is correct – the other three each have something missing or in the wrong place. Which one is the real deal?

Standards Link: Science Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

SACRIFICE
MEMORIAL
FLAGPOLE
ARIZONA
SERVICE
WREATH
SUMMER
MARBLE
HONOR
LIVES
STAFF
VAIN
TOMB
SHIP
LOST

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Memorial Day Collages

Create a collage of newspaper words and pictures to illustrate Memorial Day. Display the collages and discuss how they honor the past and the memories of fallen soldiers.

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

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

– President Harry S. Truman (1884 – 1972)

Write On!

A Grateful Nation

Many men and women have given their lives to protect our freedom. Write about what this means to you.

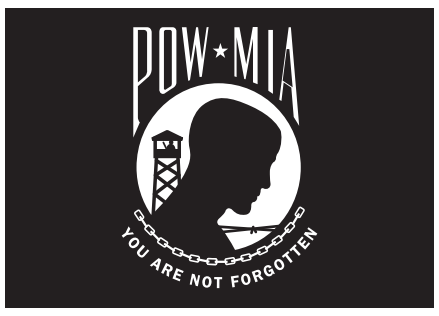
Kid Scoop Together:

How to Observe Memorial Day

This information is from www.usmemorialday.org

Memorial Day should be observed:

- by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes
- by visiting memorials
- by flying the US Flag at half-staff until noon
- by flying the **POW/MIA Flag** to honor soldiers who are **Prisoners Of War** or **Missing In Action**



- by participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3:00 p.m. to pause and think about the true meaning of the day and to listen to "Taps"
- by renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers and orphans of our fallen dead and to aid disabled veterans

How will you and your family observe Memorial Day?

Standards Link: Math / Number Sense.

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
DESIGNATE

The verb **designate** means to choose for a particular job or purpose.

The last Monday in May is **designated** as Memorial Day.

Try to use the word **designate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

CYAN MAGENTA YELLOW BLACK