

Observing Memorial Day

Complete the crossword puzzle. Then circle those words in this article.

Memorial Day was called Decoration Day when it started as a day to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

After the Civil War, people across America started a tradition of setting one day a year aside to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers.

On May 30, 1868, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery. After the speech, thousands of people who came to hear him decorated the graves of more than 20,000 Union and

Confederate soldiers buried there.

After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to remember those who had died in all American wars.

In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

Today a flag is placed on each grave at Arlington National Cemetery. The president or the vice president gives a speech and lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Across

- 3. a talk given to an audience
- 10. monument to the dead
- 11. a long established custom
- 12. for special or future use

Down

- 1. final resting places
- 2. to retain an idea in the memory
- 4. ground where dead are buried
- 5. someone who serves in the military
- 6. the first day of the working week
- 7. to make something more attractive
- 8. great respect and admiration
- 9. a day set aside sometimes to commemorate something



How many stars can you find on this page?

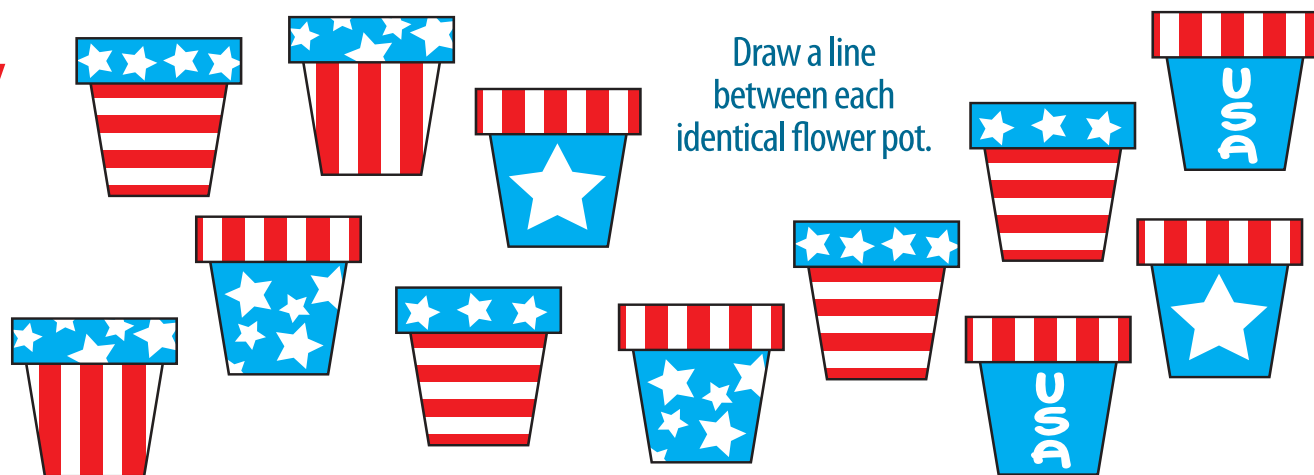
Do the math to discover which emblem represents each branch of the U.S. military.

- 25 = Department of the Air Force
- 32 = United States Coast Guard
- 27 = Department of the Navy
- 35 = Department of the Army
- 29 = United States Marine Corps



Patriotic Pottery

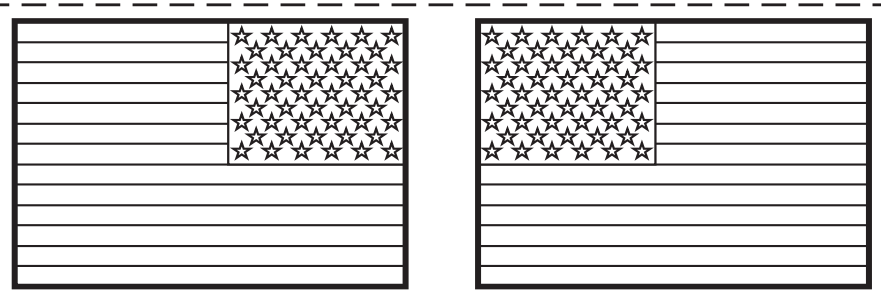
A GREAT CLASSROOM CRAFT: Paint terra-cotta flower pots, coffee cans, jars and other containers in stars and stripes. Then, plant some flowers in them and deliver them to a local veterans hospital or to neighbors who have lost a family member serving our country.



Draw a line between each identical flower pot.

American Flag Pencil

1. Color the two flags at right.
2. Cut along the dotted line.
3. Fold the little flag around the top of your pencil and use glue to fasten the folded flag.



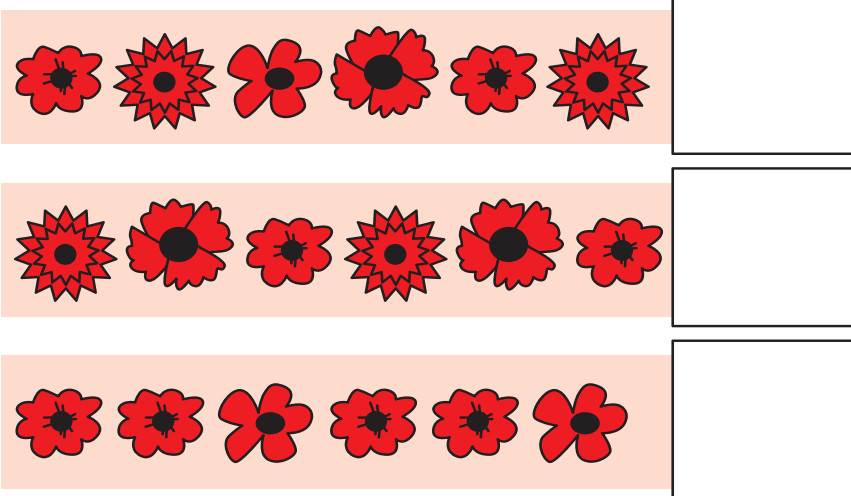
Extra! Extra! Symbols of Our Country

Look through today's newspaper for symbols that represent our country. How many can you find?

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Paper poppies are made by unemployed and disabled veterans and sold to raise money for veterans and their widows, widowers and orphans. Look at each row of poppies. Draw the one that should come next to continue each pattern.



Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- OBSERVING
- MEMORIAL
- CEMETERY
- RESTING
- RESPECT
- GRAVES
- FLOWER
- SYMBOL
- SERVES
- HONOR
- FLAGS
- TOMB
- LOST
- CANS

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Where is your ad?

What categories of ads (other than classified) appear in only one section of the newspaper? Chart the ad categories and sections. Why do you think this is? If you were advertising toys, in what section would you place your ad?

Standards Link: Students identify the different kinds of advertising in a newspaper and use categories to organize data.

"Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice."

— PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Write On!

Remembering the School Year

What will you remember most from this school year? Share your thoughts with other Kid Scoop readers.



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