

# VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES

## WORKSHEET PREVIEW

### Veterans Day

Each year on November 11, Americans honor soldiers who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This special day is called Veterans Day. In ceremonies across the country, people commemorate the courage and sacrifice of America's fighting men and women.

#### To Honor and Remember

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Today, Veterans Day is a time to honor all American soldiers who have served in any war or conflict. In the days leading up to Veterans Day, you see many people wearing bright red poppies. The poppy was chosen as a symbol of remembrance because it grows wild in France and in Flanders, which is in Belgium, which are areas where World War I was mostly fought.



#### How Do You Honor Veterans?

Memorial Day is another day when Americans honor brave soldiers. It is held on the last Monday of May each year. On Memorial Day, we remember the brave men and women who have died while serving in America's armed forces.

On Veterans Day and Memorial Day, there are many things that you can do to show that you respect veterans and appreciate their sacrifices. You can get involved in ceremonies that take place in your school or town to honor veterans. With your class family, you can visit a veterans' cemetery or memorial. You can leave a flag or flower at a soldier's grave as a way to remember and honor him or her.

Another way to commemorate veterans is to send a card to a soldier who is currently serving in the military. You can also learn more about the battles in which Americans have taken part, including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and others. As well, you can visit a nearby veterans' hospital to thank the brave men and women who have served.

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2. What is the purpose of Veterans Day?  
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3. In the days leading up to Veterans Day, you see many people wearing bright red poppies. Explain why.  
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4. What is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?  
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5. On which other day do Americans honor brave soldiers?  
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6. List four ways you can show that you respect and honor veterans.  
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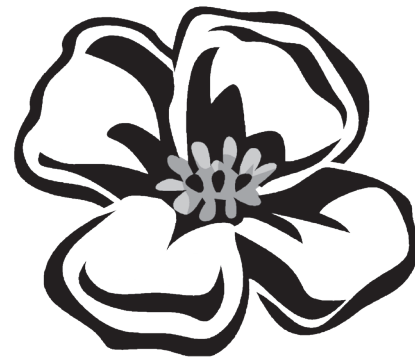
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At 11:00 a.m. on November 11 each year, a wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, in Washington, DC. This monument is for all soldiers who died in service and could not be identified.

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