



What does Memorial Day mean to you?

What are some ways that fallen soldiers are honored on Memorial Day? (examples: parades, speeches, fireworks, memorials, visiting graveside).

Why is it important to remember men and women who have died for our country?

Why do people volunteer to serve in the Armed Forces?

What character qualities does an individual need in order to be a good soldier? Explain your answer.

What are some sacrifices that soldiers make?

What are important factors to consider when creating a memorial to honor soldiers who have given their lives to defend the country?

If you could choose, what type of memorial would be best suited for your town to honor those who have served in the military?

What will you be doing on Memorial Day?

Does the younger generation only think of Memorial Day as a threeday weekend? Share your thoughts.

Share some memories of a Memorial Day parade.

The red poppy is a special symbol for Memorial Day. What thoughts come to mind when you see veterans giving out poppies at grocery stores and other places during the Memorial Day weekend?

How is Memorial Day different from Veterans Day? (Veterans Day honors all United States military veterans, while Memorial Day honors the soldiers who died while serving.)





An acrostic is a poem where a letter, usually the initial, from each line or paragraph makes another word or sentence, typically linked to the theme of the poem. Example: WAVES

Washing Ashore Volumes of water Ebbs and flow on Sandy Beaches





MEMORABLE MOVIES QUIZ

Memorial Day is a holiday for remembering and honoring fallen members of the Armed Forces. Can you guess these war-themed Memorial Day movies? (Answers are on page 6)

- This 1979 classic film follows Martin Sheen as an Army captain who sets out on a dangerous mission to kill an American colonel. The drama led to eight Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director.
- 2. This famous movie makes you feel the need for speed. This gutsy fighter pilot encounters both an epic romance and bromance!
- This 1989 movie portrays a soldier's feelings of patriotism after becoming paralyzed during his second tour in Vietnam.
- **4**. An oldie here, 1946, When Fred, Al and Homer return from World War II, adjusting to civilian life isn't as seamless as they had anticipated. This classic took home seven Oscars, including Best Picture.
- What a hit this 2014 movie was. Directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Bradley Cooper, we follow the life of a Navy SEAL. Regarded as the most lethal sniper in military history.
- 6. This 1962 movie depicts those forces who stormed the beaches of Normandy 1944. This movie is still considered one of the best World War II films of all time.



- William Dafoe and Charlie Sheen join together in this film about the Vietnam War. Caught between his two superiors, Sheen's character faces more battles than he ever imagined.
- 8. We'd be remiss if we didn't mention the 1989 movie about the first unit of African-American soldiers who fought in the Civil War. Based on the true story of Robert Gould Shaw, there's conflict and camaraderie in this powerful film.
- John Wayne stars as a commander fighting to show the efficacy of PT boats in World War II. Along with his pal they demonstrate how unstoppable they can be though they may not be able to overcome their biggest challenge in the Philippines.
- 10. This movie is a slang term used to refer to US Marines. The film was released in 2005 and chronicles the life story of the marine as he is serving in the Gulf War period.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS A POEM

The World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," by John McCrea, inspired the Memorial Day custom of wearing red artificial poppies. In 1915, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael began a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to veterans and for "keeping the faith with all who died." The sale of poppies has supported the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie, In Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.





PATRIOTIC SLOGANS & TAGLINES

How many can you complete?

Patriotism is something normally experienced by every citizen of their homeland. For America, this is normally resembled with the colors red, white, and blue for our flag. The following list of patriotic slogans have also been used by the Armed Forces and notable events to capture unity. While a few others listed have been said by famous people throughout the history of the United States. (Answers are on page 6)

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- A hero is no braver than an
 _____ man, but he is braver five minutes longer.
- 2. A man's feet must be planted in his _____, but his eyes should survey the world.
- 3. A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his
- 4. Be the change that you want to _____ in the World.
- 5. Bold Stripes, Bright Stars, Brave
- 6. Don't _____ On Me.

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- Ev'ry heart beats true, 'neath the _____, White and Blue.
- 8. Freedom Is Not _____.

- 9. Give Me Liberty Or Give Me
- 10. Home of the _____.

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- 11. I'm a Yankee Doodle _____.
- 12. _____ That I Love.
- 13. Let Freedom _____
- 14. Liberty and _____ For All.
- 15. Live Free or _____.
- 16. Proud to be an _____.
- 17. _____ a Veteran!
- 18. _____ Land of Liberty.
- 19. United _____ Stand.
- 20. You're a ____Ol' Flag.





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1	2	3	4	5
Apocalypse Now	Top Gun	Born on the Fourth of July	The Best Years of Our Lives	American Sniper
6	7	8	9	10
	7 Platoon		9 They Were Expendable	

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6. Tread

8. Free

- 1. Ordinary
- 2. Country 7. Red
- 3. Government
- 4. See 9. Death
- 5. Hearts 10. Brave
- 11. Boy (Dandy)
 16. American
 12. Land
 17. Salute
 13. Ring
 18. Sweet
 14. Justice
 19. We
 15. Die
 20. Grand

