

**Memorial Day
Lesson Plan
7th & 8th Grades**



Wreaths Across America

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<p>OBJECTIVES: NCSSSS, 1. CULTURE Through the study of culture and cultural diversity, learners understand how human beings create, learn, share, and adapt to culture, and appreciate the role of culture in shaping their lives and society, as well the lives and societies of others.</p>	<p>STRATEGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Writing <input type="checkbox"/> K-W-L Worksheet <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Large Group <p>*Before conducting this lesson, make sure you are aware of students who may have parents deployed in the Military, or who may be Gold Star Children.</p>									
<p>MATERIALS:</p>	<p>Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the Memorial Day K-W-L Worksheet; copies of the Reflection Questions from the Memorial Day video and the Memorial Day PowerPoint. copies of the History of Memorial Day Wordsearch; copies of the Memorial Day Quilt Activity.</p>									
<p>Engage: Hook the students</p>	<p>Activity – Hand out the Memorial Day K-W-L Worksheet. Give the students a few minutes to fill in the first section- “What I Know”. Play the History of Memorial Day Video, https://youtu.be/YChfpVD5xpk Students will complete the K-W-L Worksheet.</p>									
<p>Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.</p>	<p>Play the Memorial Day PowerPoint located here Memorial Day PowerPoint Hand out the Reflection Questions from the History of Memorial Day video and the Memorial Day PowerPoint. Students will complete the Reflection Questions. Hand out the Memorial Day Wordsearch. Students will complete the Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle. Hand out the Memorial Day Quilt Activity. Students will complete their drawings and will assemble them together to make a classroom Memorial Day Quilt.</p>									
<p>Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Decoration Day</td> <td style="width: 33%;">armed forces</td> <td style="width: 33%;">World War I</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorial Day</td> <td>Civil War</td> <td>MIA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poppies</td> <td>Vietnam War</td> <td>Hero</td> </tr> </table>	Decoration Day	armed forces	World War I	Memorial Day	Civil War	MIA	Poppies	Vietnam War	Hero
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<p>Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.</p>	<p>Students will complete: the K-W-L Memorial Day Worksheet; History of Memorial Day Wordsearch; draw and color the pieces of the Memorial Day Quilt Drawing sheet.</p>									
<p>Evaluate: assessment.</p>	<p>Teacher will choose the items to be used for formal and informal assessment.</p>									
<p>Enrichment/Service-Learning Project</p>	<p>Reminder: The Friday before Memorial Day is National Poppy Day, wear a red poppy in remembrance of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day. For more information on National Poppy Day, go to https://www.legion-aux.org/national-poppy-day. Students can pick from many projects, placing small flags on the graves of fallen heroes at a local cemetery; making cards for veterans in a local VA Home, VA Hospital or nursing home; share what you have learned about Memorial Day in class with your family and friends; participate in the Wreaths Across America Youth Service Project available for download here.</p>									

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**K-W-L
Memorial Day**

What I KNOW?	What I WANT to Know?	What I LEARNED?

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Reflection Questions Memorial Day Video & PowerPoint

1. What is the original name of Memorial Day?
2. Memorial Day is the day we _____ and _____ those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces. (2 WORDS)
3. Who called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868?
4. What city did President Lyndon Johnson name as the birthplace of Memorial Day?
5. Who wrote In Flanders Fields?
6. What is the official flower of Memorial Day?
7. What do we call a country's military? (2 WORDS)
8. What is the month we observe Memorial Day?
9. After this war, it was decided that Memorial Day would honor the fallen from all wars.
10. When do we observe Memorial Day?



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ANSWER KEY

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Decoration Day

2. Memorial Day is the day we **honor** and **remember** those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces. (2 WORDS)

3. Who called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868?

Gen. John Logan

4. What city did President Lyndon Johnson name as the birthplace of Memorial Day?

Waterloo, NY

5. Who wrote In Flanders Fields?

Dr. John McCrae

6. What is the official flower of Memorial Day?

Red Poppy

7. What do we call a country's military?

Armed forces

8. What is the month we observe Memorial Day?

May

9. After this war, it was decided that Memorial Day would honor the fallen from all wars.

World War I.

10. When do we observe Memorial Day?

The last Monday in May.



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6. Memorial Day was started to honor those who died in the _____
7. the official flower of Memorial Day
8. a country's military forces
9. the Month we observe Memorial Day
10. after this war, Memorial Day was observed to honor the fallen from all wars
11. the day of the week we observe Memorial Day

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The Making of a Memorial Day Quilt

Using information you learned from the History of Memorial Day video clip and the Memorial Day PowerPoint, draw a picture tribute for Memorial Day. In the United States, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving in the armed forces, and those who are missing in action. In the square below, draw and color a picture to remember and honor the brave men and women who died protecting our freedoms. When all of the pictures are finished, cut out the squares, and join them all together to make a class Memorial Day Remembrance Quilt.

