

Memorial Day  
Lesson Plan  
Kindergarten



# Wreaths Across America

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<p><b>OBJECTIVES:</b> CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.2 With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.3 With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.</p>	<p><b>STRATEGIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Questions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Large Group</li> </ul> <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>									
<b>MATERIALS:</b>	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; crayons; scissors; copies of the American Cemetery in France Coloring Sheet; copies of the Vocabulary Practice Worksheet; Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Sheet with Vocabulary Practice; copies of the How to Make Your Own Poppy Activity									
<b>Engage:</b> Hook the students	Share the Power Point by clicking on the link, <a href="#">What is Memorial Day?</a> Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer. T/P/S Question: What can you do to honor a fallen hero on Memorial Day?									
<b>Explore:</b> Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Play the video <i>Learning with Johann Memorial Day</i> <a href="https://youtu.be/zAlyTp_fXX0">https://youtu.be/zAlyTp_fXX0</a> Video Reflection Questions: What was the Civil War? Who fought in the Civil War? In what year was Decoration Day first observed? What did people do on Decoration Day? What do we call Decoration Day today? What day do we observe Memorial Day? Who does Memorial Day honor? Why is it important for Americans to remember the importance of Memorial Day? What is one way you will honor America's Fallen Heroes?									
<b>Explain:</b> Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">honor</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Civil War</td> <td style="width: 33%;">poppies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>protect</td> <td>Decoration Day</td> <td>Flanders Fields</td> </tr> <tr> <td>armed forces</td> <td>Memorial Day</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	honor	Civil War	poppies	protect	Decoration Day	Flanders Fields	armed forces	Memorial Day	
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<b>Elaborate:</b> Students apply what they have learned.	Students will answer the Oral Question and Answer the video reflection questions from <i>Learning with Johann-Memorial Day</i> ; students will complete the Vocabulary Practice Worksheet and the Coloring Worksheets									
<b>Evaluate:</b> assessment.	Vocabulary Practice Worksheet; Coloring Worksheet; Memorial Day Coloring Worksheet with Vocabulary Practice									
<b>Enrichment/Service-Learning Project</b>	Students can complete the How to Make Your Own Poppy Activity and make a field of Poppies for our Fallen Heroes in their classroom or in the halls of their school.									

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American Cemetery in Normandy France on Memorial Day



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# Memorial Day Vocabulary Practice Sheet

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poppy poppy

poppies poppies

Flanders Fields

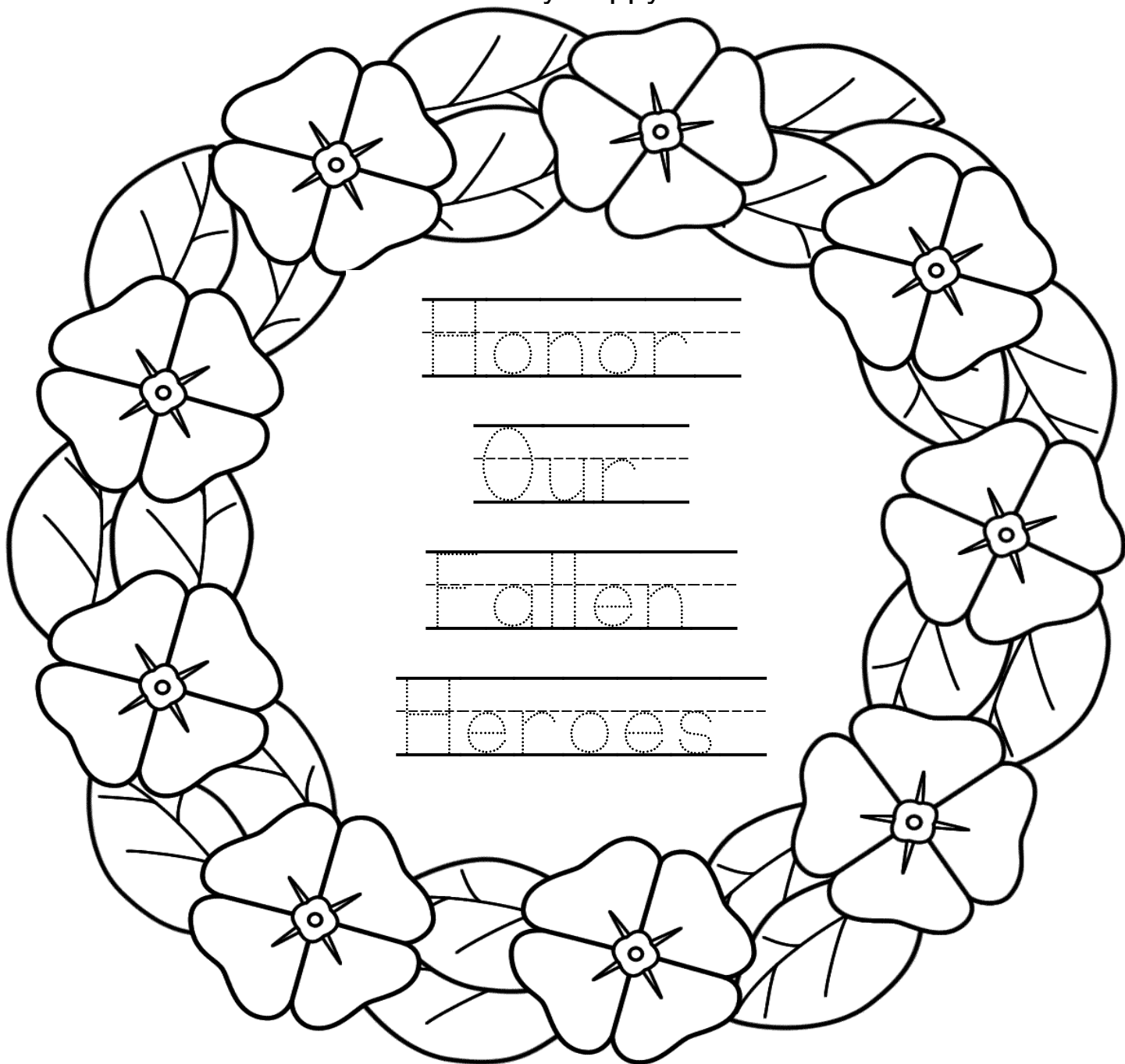
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Memorial Day Poppy Wreath



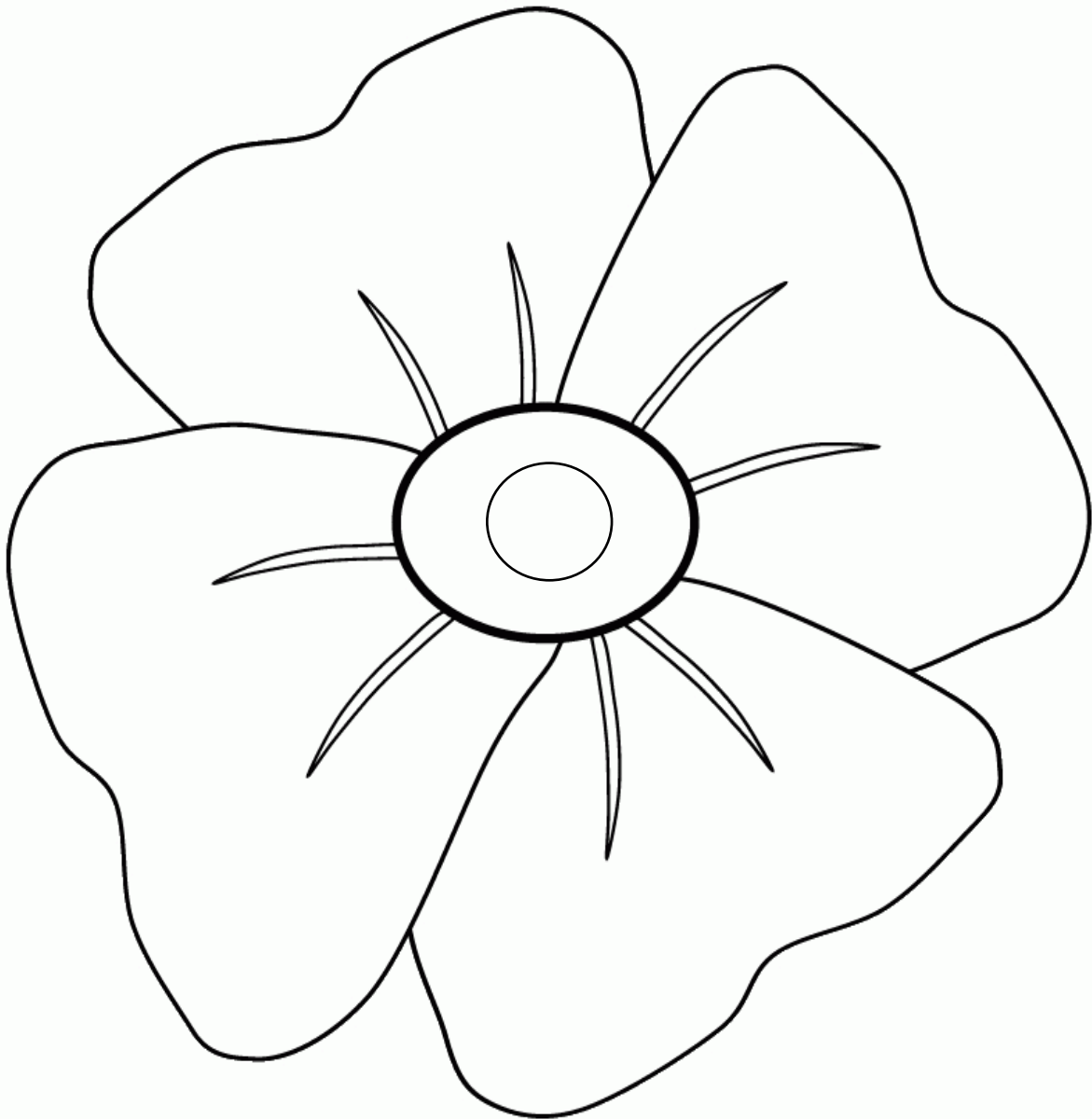
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## How to Make Your Own Poppy Flower

**DIRECTIONS:** Color the fronts of each Poppy red. The large circle in the center of the small poppy should be colored black, the small circle should be colored yellow. Cut out the large and small Poppy Flowers. Color the back of the poppies red. Roll each of the petals upwards to give them a little curve. Put a little bit of glue on the center of the big poppy, place the small poppy on the glue in the center, allow the glue to dry.



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