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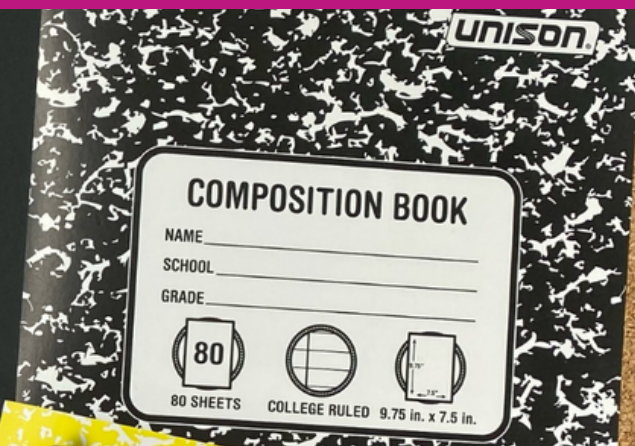
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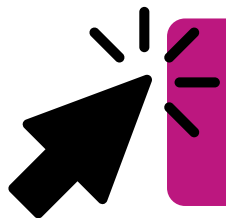
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Memorial Day, many people honor the memory of those who have died during wartime by decorating the graves of soldiers. Some decorate with flowers like the red poppy. Others place small flags on the graves of America's fallen heroes.

Another important part of Memorial Day for many families is to attend parades, special ceremonies, or social events. Lots of families also decorate graves of loved ones. Since Memorial Day is a federal holiday and businesses and schools are closed, many people travel to relatives and attend memorial meals.

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History of MEMORIAL DAY

How did Memorial Day begin?

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Memorial Day is celebrated every year on the last Monday in May. It is a day set aside to honor soldiers who have died while serving in the military. On Memorial Day, schools and banks close in observance of this federal holiday. Memorial Day reminds us how important it is to reflect on the sacrifice of soldiers and their families, but especially all of those who have fallen while serving. On Memorial Day, we also remember to pay tribute to those serving in the five branches of the U.S. armed forces.

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Inside the Memorial Day LINKtivity® students will learn the history behind Memorial Day as well as how we celebrate the holiday and ways that they can honor men and women in the military. They will also have the opportunity to view related videos.

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No matter how you choose to celebrate, Memorial Day is the perfect time to stop and think about the men and women who gave their lives in order for our country to remain the land of the free.



CLICK HERE to learn more about Memorial Day!

CLICK HERE to learn how the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded.

HAPPY Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, we should take time to stop and reflect. It's important to remember all of the brave and selfless men and women who have served in our armed forces. Memorial Day is a special holiday set aside to honor all those who gave their lives so that American citizens could have the chance to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness!

Here's a few ways YOU can celebrate Memorial Day...



- Pay it forward! Take a special treat to a veteran's hospital.
- Hang a flag outside your home in memory of fallen soldiers.
- Attend a parade in honor of soldiers who died in our nation's wars.
- Host a family gathering and celebrate your freedom!

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General John A. Logan, founder of Decoration Day

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Parade in St. Paul, Minnesota on Decoration Day 1870

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Memorial Day officially became a federal holiday in 1971.	Americans commonly wear red poppies on Memorial Day in remembrance of fallen soldiers.	On Memorial Day, a small American flag is placed on each grave at the Arlington National Cemetery.	The President (or Vice President) gives a speech at the Arlington National Cemetery and places a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
The first official Decoration Day was held in Virginia at the Arlington National Cemetery on May 30, 1868.	At the first Decoration Day, 5,000 people decorated the graves of over 20,000 Civil War soldiers.	The Arlington National Cemetery is a military cemetery for soldiers who have died during any of America's wars.	In 2000, Congress actually passed a law that legally requires Americans to observe a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 PM on Memorial Day.



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