NAME _____ MEMORIAL DAY

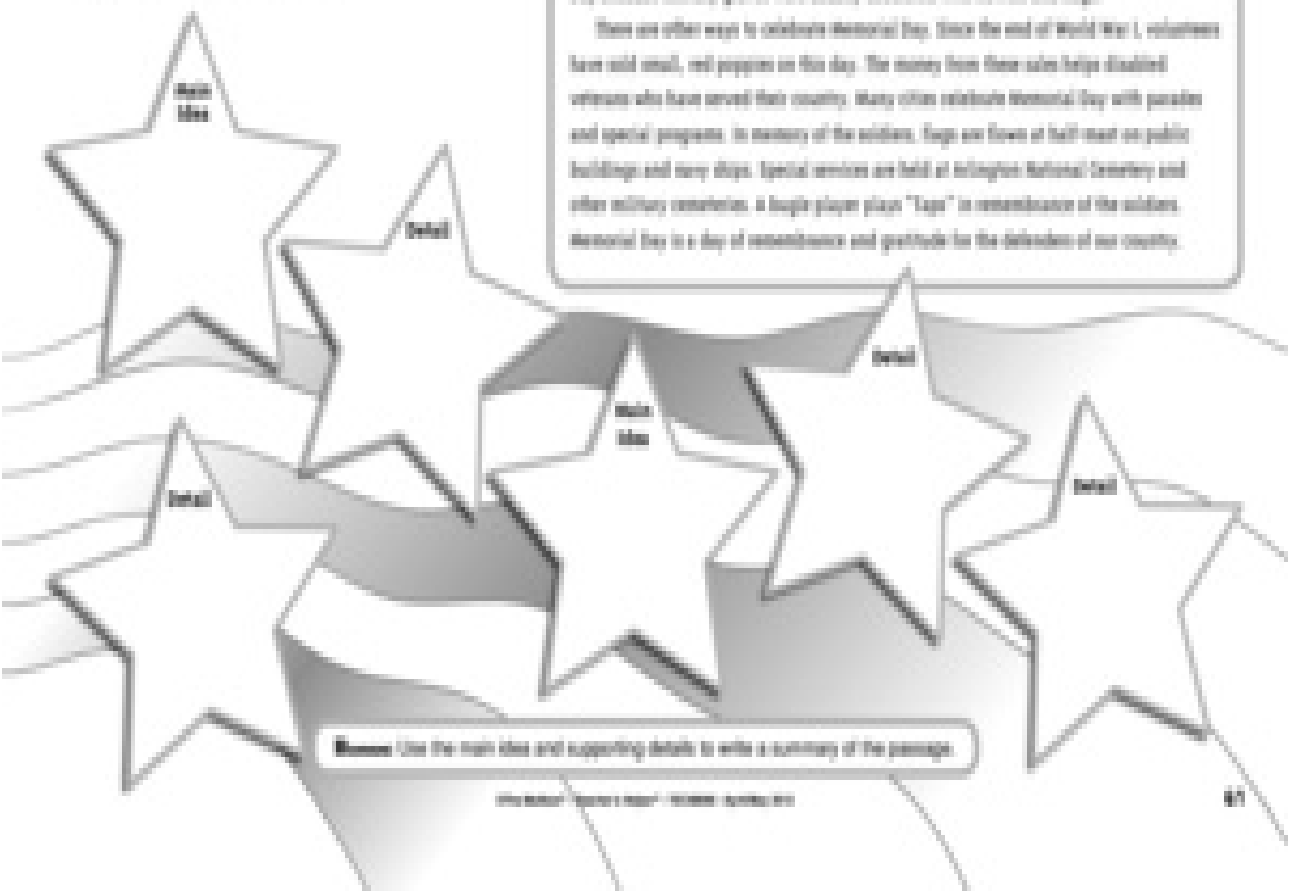
DATE _____ MAIN IDEA, SUPPORTING DETAILS

Stars and Stripes Forever

Read the passage.
Identify two main ideas in the article. Describe each one on a star. Then describe supporting details on the remaining stars.

Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday that is observed on the last Monday in May. The holiday began in idea to honor the soldiers of the Civil War. Today it is a day to honor military people who died while serving the United States. Its original name was Decoration Day because military graves were usually decorated with flowers and flags.

There are other ways to celebrate Memorial Day. Since the end of World War I, volunteers have sold small, red poppies on this day. The money from these sales helps disabled veterans who have served their country. Many cities celebrate Memorial Day with parades and special programs. In memory of the soldiers, flags are flown at half-mast on public buildings and navy ships. Special services are held at Arlington National Cemetery and other military cemeteries. A bugle player plays "Taps" in remembrance of the soldiers. Memorial Day is a day of remembrance and gratitude for the defenders of our country.



Summary Use the main idea and supporting details to write a summary of the passage.