

Memorial Day

A. Reading

The last Monday of May is Memorial Day. It is a special holiday to honor soldiers who have died in military service to their country. Friends and relatives visit cemeteries to put flags, wreaths, or flowers on the graves of soldiers. Special Memorial Day services are held in some cities. Politicians give speeches and bands play patriotic music.



Memorial Day is also the start of the summer recreational season in America. Many families have picnics or backyard barbeques. Some people watch a car race called the Indianapolis 500. Most schools close for summer vacation around Memorial Day. Families start planning their summer vacations just before or after Memorial Day.

B. True or False

1. _____ Memorial Day is a patriotic holiday observed in the summer.
2. _____ People put flowers, flags, or wreaths on the graves of soldiers.
3. _____ The Indianapolis 500 is a holiday song that is played at gravesites.
4. _____ The men in the picture on this worksheet are wearing military uniforms.
5. _____ Memorial Day is the start of the summer recreational season.

C. Writing – What are you going to do on Memorial Day?

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