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MEMORIAL DAY READING

Answer each question.

The United States celebrates Memorial Day on the last Monday of May every year. It is a Federal holiday, which means every state celebrates it.

Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day and it honored the soldiers who fought for the Union during the American Civil War, which took place when Abraham Lincoln was president. After the Civil War, it was changed to honor all Americans who served who were casualties, died, missing, or are military action.

Americans celebrate Memorial Day by attending parades to honor military service. They also visit military cemeteries or memorials. People place flags on the graves to show their honor.

Memorial Day is also a holiday that people get together for picnics, barbecues, family gatherings, and sporting events. The beginning of the summer season is officially recognized at the time of Memorial Day. However, even though it is not really the summer holiday, the summer season starts this day.

Where is Memorial Day celebrated?

Why is Memorial Day celebrated?

When is Memorial Day celebrated?