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# MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a special holiday in the United States.

It is celebrated on the last Monday of May each year.

This day is set aside to remember and honor the brave men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Memorial Day began after the Civil War, one of the deadliest wars in American history.

At that time, the holiday was called "Decoration Day" because people decorated the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, flags, and wreaths.

Today, people across the country observe Memorial Day in many ways.

Some visit cemeteries or memorials, while others attend parades and ceremonies.

Many families also spend time together, remembering loved ones who served in the military.

The American flag is often displayed, and at 3:00 p.m., a National Moment of Remembrance is held to honor those who died.

Memorial Day is not just a day off from school or work—it is a meaningful time to show respect and gratitude to those who gave their lives for their country.

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**Answer the questions based on the reading.**

- 1.) What is Memorial Day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) When is Memorial Day celebrated? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) Who does Memorial Day honor? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) What was Memorial Day called in the past? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) Why was it called "Decoration Day"? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.) Name two ways people celebrate Memorial Day today. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.) What happens at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.) Why is Memorial Day important? \_\_\_\_\_

