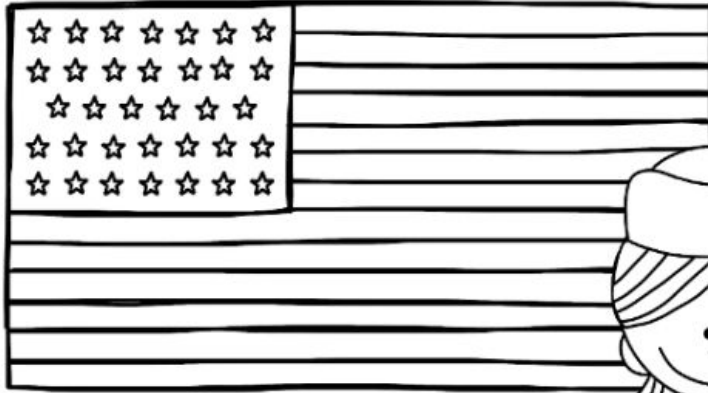


Memorial Day



Name _____



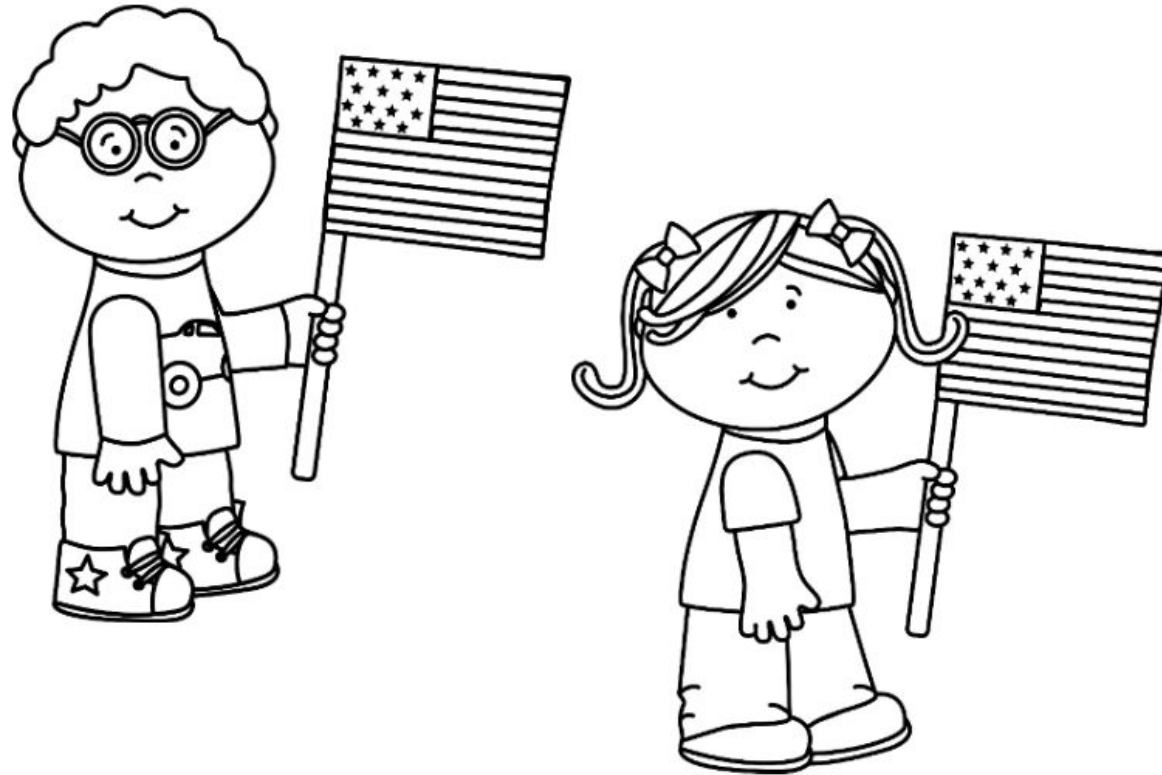
Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. Many people are off work. Most schools are closed. There are cook-outs and parades.



In the 1800's, people would put flowers on the graves of those who died in war. They called it Decoration Day. Later it was changed to Memorial Day.

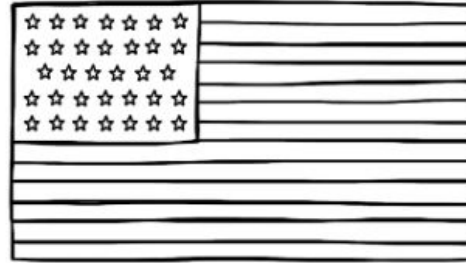


In 1967, Memorial Day became the legal name. In 1971 a law said it would be on the last Monday in May. There are parades in many places. Soldiers march in some parades as special guests.

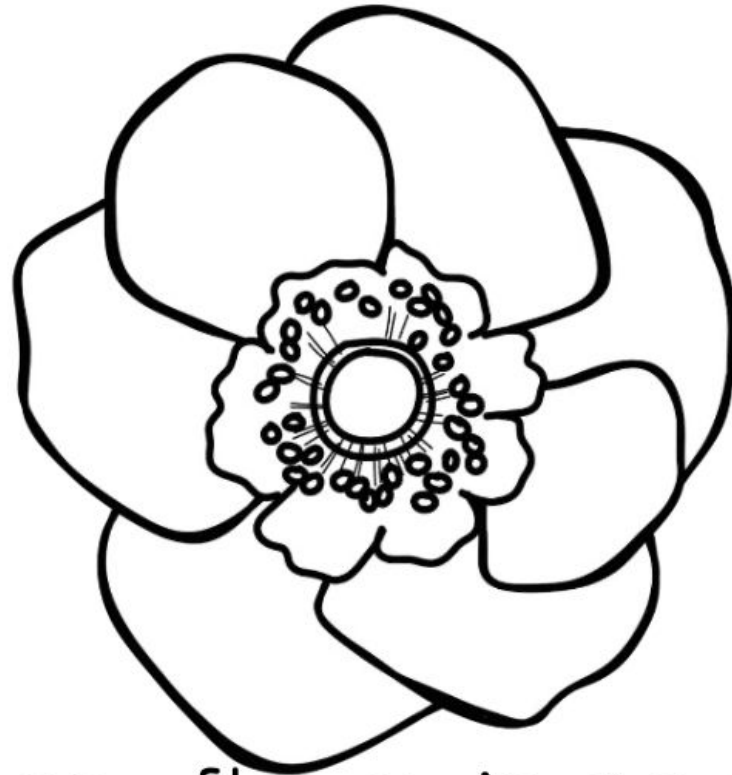


People put flags around town to decorate for Memorial Day. Some people put flags on the graves of soldiers to remember the reason for the holiday.

Get Well!
We
Appreciate
You!



There are things you can do for Memorial Day. You can take get well cards to veterans in the hospital. You can learn how to correctly display the American flag. You can help put flags around your town.



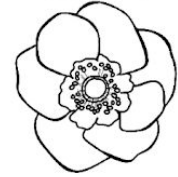
The red poppy flower is a symbol of Memorial Day. In World War I, many soldiers were buried in a field where poppies grew. People started wearing them to remember this.



Memorial Day often ends with fireworks.
Americans feel love for their country
and for those who gave their lives so
that we may have freedom.
It's important to always remember.

Name _____

Memorial Day True or False



Comprehension Check - write true or false by each sentence.

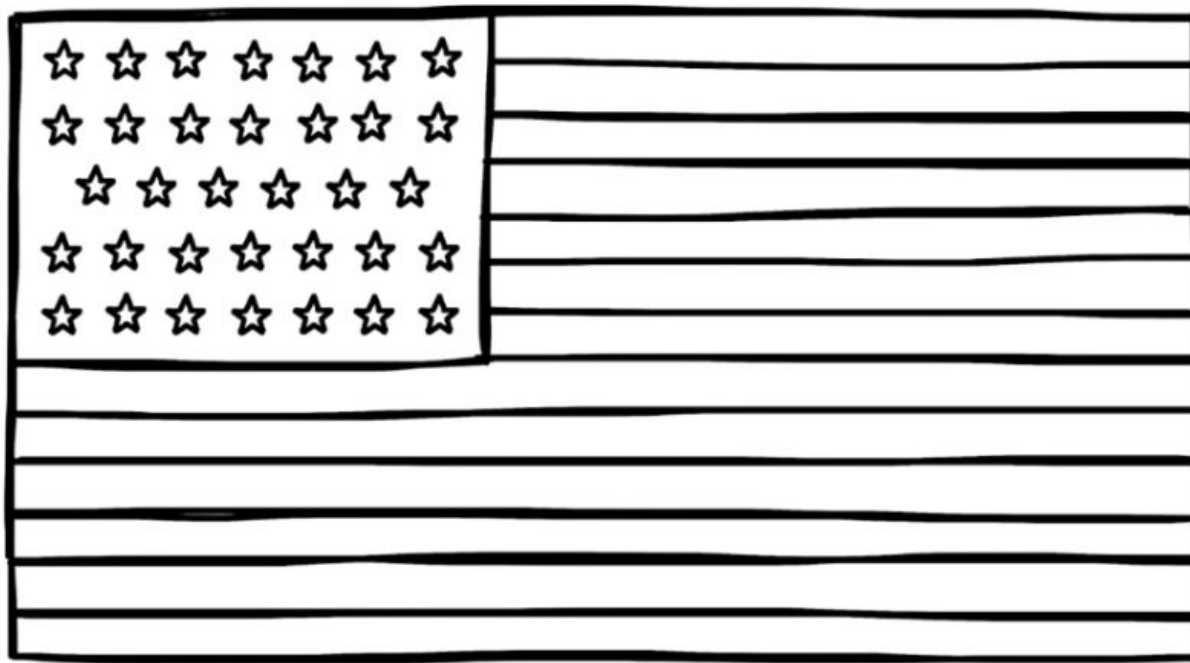
1. **On Memorial Day, we remember those who died while in the military.** _____

2. **Memorial Day is on the first Monday in May.** _____

3. **Roses are a symbol of Memorial Day.** _____

4. **Most people have to work and go to school on Memorial Day.** _____

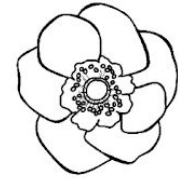
5. **Even as a child, there are things you can do to help celebrate Memorial Day.** _____



Memorial Day is a holiday in the USA where we remember men and women who died while serving in the military. Our military is made of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Air Force.

Name _____

Memorial Day



Comprehension Check - circle the correct answer.

1. Who do we remember on Memorial Day?

- a. our family
- b. soldiers who died while serving in the military
- c. our friends

2. When do we celebrate Memorial Day?

- a. last Monday in May
- b. first Monday in May
- c. last day in May

3. When the holiday began, what did people decorate?

- a. schools
- b. parks
- c. graves of soldiers who died in war

4. Why is the red poppy a symbol of Memorial Day?

- a. it smells good
- b. it's pretty
- c. to remember a battle where many soldiers died and were buried

5. What's one thing you can do to celebrate Memorial Day in your own way?

- a. go to school
- b. make cards for Veterans who are sick
- c. do your homework