

Wreaths Across America

Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date:
Grade: 1 st Grade	Lesson: Memorial Day

OBJECTIVES: <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2</u> Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.3</u> Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.		STRATEGIES: <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Coloring <input type="checkbox"/> Think/Pair/Share <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Large Group *Before conducting this lesson, make sure you are aware of students who may have parents deployed in the Military, or who may be Gold Star Children.	
MATERIALS:	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the American Cemetery in Flanders, France Coloring Sheet; copies of the Memorial Day Word Search; copies of the Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Sheet		
Engage: Hook the students	Share the Power Point by clicking on the link, What is Memorial Day? Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner and share their answer. T/P/S Question: What can you do to honor a fallen hero on Memorial Day?		
Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.	Play the video, <i>What is Memorial for Kids and Preschoolers</i> https://youtu.be/YCJApBnLcAo Video Reflection Questions: What is Memorial Day? Who does Memorial Day honor? When do we observe Memorial Day? What was Memorial Day called originally? Why did they call it Decoration Day? In what year was Decoration Day first celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery? Originally Decoration Day only honored soldiers who died in the Civil War, that changed after another big war. What was the name of that war? What is the official flower of Memorial Day? Why was the poppy selected as the official flower of Memorial Day? Why is it important for Americans to recognize Memorial Day? What is one way you will honor America's Fallen Heroes?		
Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.	honor sacrifice bravery	Civil War Decoration Day Memorial Day	poppies Flanders Fields Taps
Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.	Students will answer the Oral Question and Answer video reflection questions from the <i>What is Memorial for Kids and Preschoolers</i> video; students will complete the Memorial Day Word Search; and the Coloring Worksheets		
Evaluate: assessment.	American Cemetery in Flanders Coloring Worksheet; Memorial Day Poppy Wreath Coloring Worksheet; Memorial Day Word Search		
Enrichment/Service-Learning Project	Students can color the Memorial Day Poppy Wreath and place them up around the classroom or in the halls of their school.		

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American Cemetery in Flanders Fields, France on Memorial Day



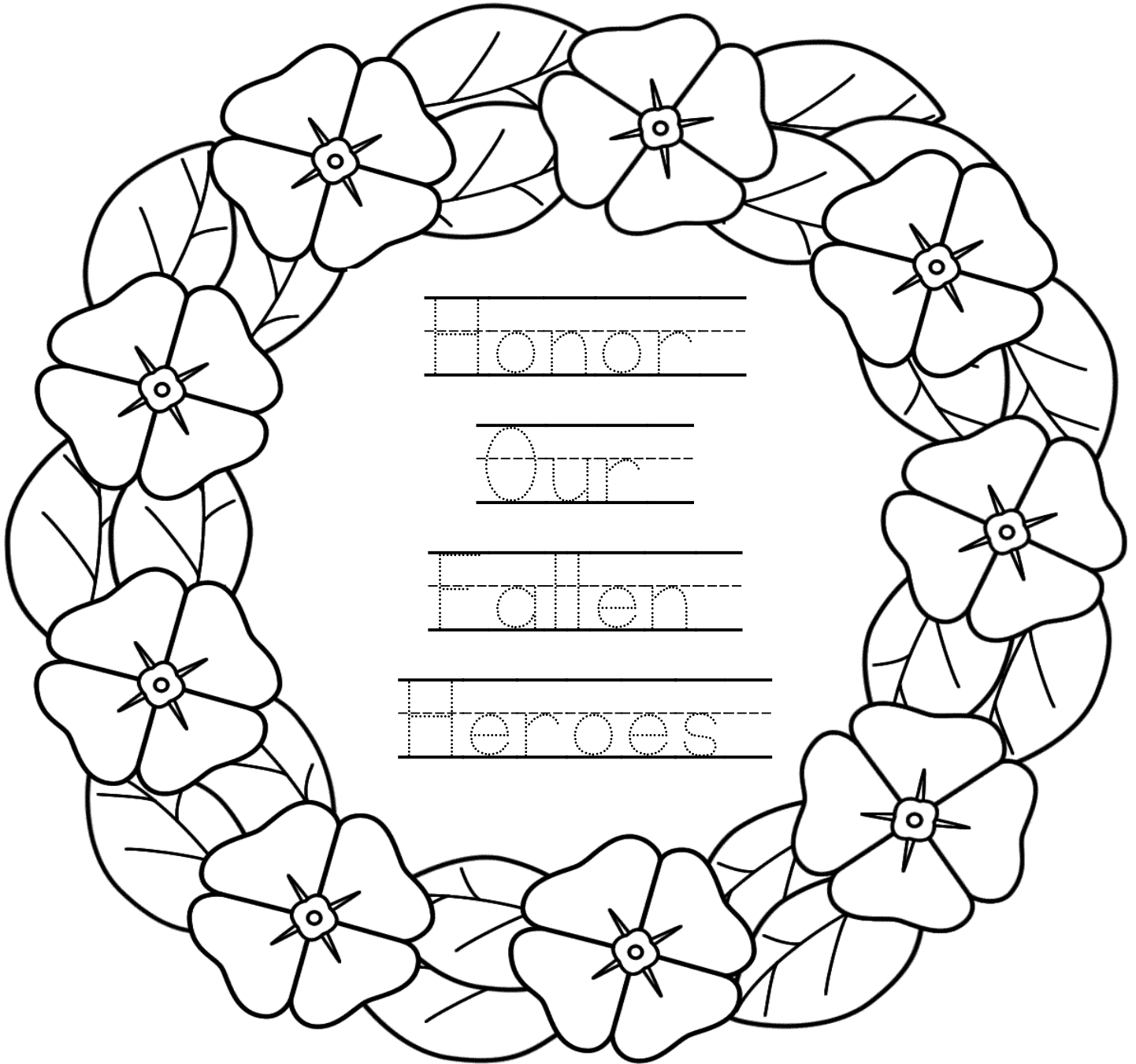
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Memorial Day Poppy Wreath



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Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

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O	L	P	Q	C	A	Z	W	C	S	X	E	A	D	R
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Decoration Day
Service
Armed Forces

Bravery
Respect
Poppies

Sacrifice
Observe

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Answer Key

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R	B	F	V	I	T	G	B	R	Y	H	N	M	M	V
P	S	O	L	F	A	Z	Q	A	W	S	X	E	E	A
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