

Wreaths Across America

Lesson Plan

Teacher:	Date:
Grade: 3 rd Grade	Lesson: Memorial Day

OBJECTIVES: <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.7</u> Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic. <u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.8</u> Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.		STRATEGIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 <p>*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.</p>
MATERIALS:	Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of the Memorial Day Word Search; copies of the Memorial Day Note-Taking Worksheet; copies of the Making of a Memorial Day Quilt	
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, Memorial Day is a Special Day https://youtu.be/Twctloxz6eU PowerPoint/Video Reflection Questions: What is Memorial Day? Who does Memorial Day honor? When do we observe Memorial Day? What was Memorial Day originally called? Who is John McCrae? What time do Americans pause on Memorial Day to honor those who have died in the military? 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	John McCrae
	sacrifice	Decoration Day
	bravery	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>Memorial Day is a Special Day</i> video; students will complete the Memorial Day Word Search; students will complete the Making A Memorial Day Quilt	
Evaluate: assessment.	Memorial Day Note-Taking Worksheet; Memorial Day Word Search; Video Reflection Questions; Making a Memorial Day Quilt	
Enrichment/Service-Learning Project	Brainstorm ways students can observe Memorial Day, that includes a service project. For example, placing flags or flowers on the graves of fallen heroes at their local cemeteries; observing a moment of silence with family and friends at 3:00 to honor the fallen.	

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Memorial Day Note-Taking Worksheet

As you read the PowerPoint and listen to the video, take notes below.

WHO?

WHAT?

WHEN?

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WHY?

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Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

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

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Answer Key: Memorial Day Wordsearch Puzzle

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O	Q	A	Z	W	S	X	E	D	Y	C	R	O	F	L
P	T	E	C	I	F	I	R	C	A	S	G	B	B	A
P	Y	D	H	C	N	J	U	J	D	M	I	S	K	N
I	P	A	M	R	Q	O	S	A	N	Z	W	E	S	D
E	X	R	E	O	D	H	O	N	O	R	C	R	F	E
S	V	A	T	S	G	N	B	Y	I	H	N	V	U	R
T	A	P	S	S	U	M	J	M	T	I	K	E	P	S
C	Q	A	Z	E	W	C	S	L	A	R	K	S	X	F
E	E	D	C	S	R	C	F	C	R	F	V	T	G	I
P	B	Y	H	N	I	R	K	M	O	P	L	N	G	E
S	Q	A	Z	W	S	A	X	H	C	R	O	T	B	L
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The Making of a Memorial Day Quilt

In the United States, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day honors those who have died while serving in the armed forces. In the square below, draw and color a picture to remember and honor the brave men and women who died protecting our freedoms. When all of the pictures are finished, cut out the squares, and join them all together to make a Class Memorial Day Remembrance Quilt.

