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Memorial Day

Through our country's history, men and women of the armed forces have fought to protect the United States. In May, we remember those who died. After over 600,000 soldiers died in the American Civil War, May 30th became a holiday. It was known as Decoration Day because people would decorate soldiers' graves with flowers, especially in the South. In 1868, General John Logan called for a national holiday every year.

After World War II, the name changed from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day." Instead of just honoring soldiers who died in the Civil War, Memorial Day remembers all veterans who gave their lives for the United States. In 1968, the date was also changed from May 30th to the last Monday in May.

Sometimes, Veterans Day and Memorial Day are confused. Both honor men and women who have served in the military, but Memorial Day remembers those who died while serving. On Memorial Day, we honor fallen soldiers through concerts, parades, and decorating military graves, especially in Washington, D.C.



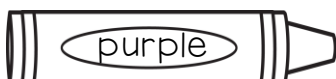
Who called for Decoration Day to happen yearly?



What makes Veterans and Memorial Day different?



Where are many military graves decorated?



Why was the holiday called Decoration Day?



How is Memorial Day celebrated?



When is Memorial Day celebrated now?