

### **National Moment of Remembrance**

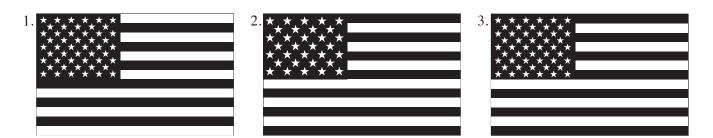
On Memorial Day weekend each year, people enjoy barbecues, sporting events, camping, weekend getaways, theme parks and concerts. But Memorial Day is really about remembering those who gave their lives defending America and other free nations in wartime.

No matter where you live, at 3:00 p.m. on

the last Monday of May, you can participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. For one minute, Americans are asked to pause and think about the service men and women who died defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

These brave men and women served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Coast Guard.

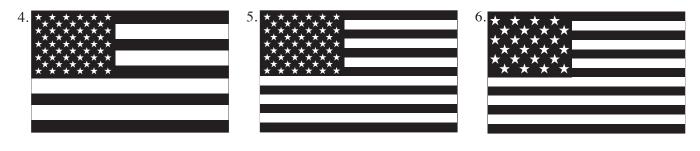
Standards Link: Civics: Students know how various American holidays reflect the shared values, principles and beliefs of Americans.



### **Red, White and Blue**

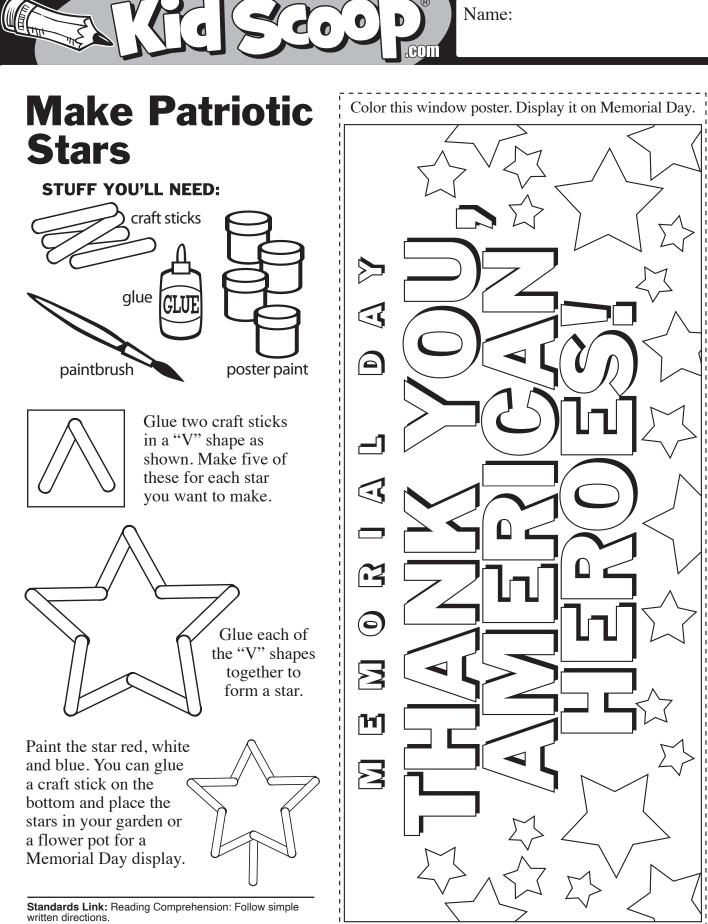
On Memorial Day, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts often place small flags or candles beside headstones in military cemeteries across the nation.

Look closely at these flags. Only two of them are correct depictions of today's American flag. Can you find them?



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

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Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the **eight spelling and grammar** errors you find. The first one is done for you.

### **Memorial Day**

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Standards Link: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

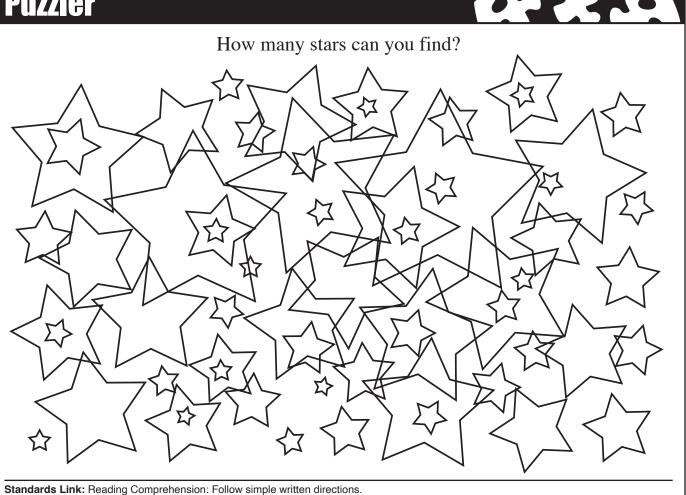
# **Memorial Day Observed**

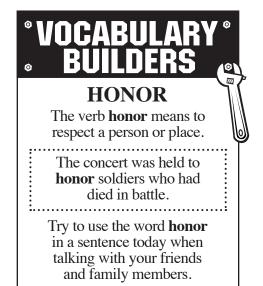
Look in the newspaper for events in your town happening on Memorial Day. What special Memorial Day parade or ceremony could your family attend?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information about local events.



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# **"A hero is someone** who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

- Joseph Campbell

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The **obituaries** in a newspaper or on a newspaper website tell about people who have recently died. Look at today's obituaries and notice whether any of those who died had served in the military.

Standards Link: Newspaper: Understand that there are common conventions used in media.



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Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally. Then see how many of these words you can find in today's newspaper.

**MEMORIAL MOMENT** NATIONAL **SCOUTS** PATRIOTIC **CEREMONY** BRAVE **SERVED MINUTE** PAUSE DEFENDING ARMY CORPS LIVES GAVE

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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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